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Welcome to the Twenty-Eighth edition of the Maryborough District Crime Bulletin.

This month we are seeking your assistance to help identify persons and keep a look out for property that has been stolen, which could help us in our investigations. This bulletin will also focus on School Zone Safety; Standard School Zone Times; SCAMS; Transporting Police Through Time as well as the monthly Traffic issues. We have also included the meeting dates & events for your local NHW areas.



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School Zone Safety

School has just started back for the 2012 year so it's timely to remind everyone of the need to observe School Zone Safety and ultimately save young lives.



School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.

School Zone speed limits

Speed limits which apply in school zones include:

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- 40 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 50/60/70 km/h
- 60 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 80 km/h
- 60 km/h or 80 km/h on roads where the speed limit is 90/100 km/h, depending on the amount of school related activity on or near the road
- 80 km/h on roads where the existing limit is 110 km/h.

Reminders for parents

Parents are reminded to park in the designate areas to ensure that children are not put at risk by walking out onto roadways between parked cars. Young children are especially vulnerable when it comes to traffic because it is impossible for them to accurately judge the speed and distance of oncoming vehicles.

Police would also like to urge parents to familiarise themselves with school drop-off and pick-up practices and discuss with their children rules for school zones.

Following the directions of school crossing supervisors, and allowing a little extra time for your trip because of the increase in traffic around schools, will go a long way towards ensuring the safety of children on their return to school.

All children should wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike, always use pedestrian crossings and stop to look before crossing the road.

Parents also should to take the time to educate their children in the basics of road safety, particularly children starting school for the first time.

Across Queensland approximately 50,000 children will start school for the first time this year.

Standard School Zone Times

In 2012 Queensland schools will have standard times for the enforcement of school speed zones, special measures for busy roads and more crossing supervisors.

By Easter, school zones in south east Queensland will operate in standard times - 7am to 9am and 2pm to 4pm, except where a school needs extended hours. By July, the rest of the state will have standard times across each council area, allowing for local flexibility.

There are currently more than 2,000 school zones across Queensland operating different times set by local councils or the state government. Bringing greater consistency to speed zones makes it easier for drivers to obey the law and help keep our kids safe.

Transport Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said other measures included flashing light signage, vehicle activated signs and an extra 15 supervised school crossings would be included. That takes the

Issues at a local level.....

Break Ins



Hervey Bay –

- Torquay
- Urangan
- Eli Waters
- Urraween
- Scarness
- Wondunna
- Point Vernon
- Bunya Creek
- Pialba
- Burrum Heads
- Kawungan
- Craignish

Maryborough –

- Eskdale Park
- Gympie Road
- Clayton Street
- Jupiter Street
- Indah Road
- Ann Street
- Fort Street
- Alice Street
- Ferry Street
- Lennox Street
- Cutlers Lane
- Spencer Street – Gayndah
- Stottenville Road – Bauple
- Gilberts Road – Deep Creek
- Bazaar Street
- Richmond Street
- Adelaide Street
- Saltwater Creek Road
- Sussex Street
- Kent Street

Howard –

- Torbanlea
- Toogoom
- Howard



Thefts from Vehicles

Hervey Bay –

- Pialba

total in 2012 to 1,900 supervisors operating 1,200 crossings at 660 schools.

Last year almost 16,000 people were caught speeding through school zones, Ms Palaszczuk said. That's up almost 30 per cent in just one year.

More than 65 per cent of the school zone speeding fines issued last year were for people exceeding the limit by 13 to 20km/h.



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2012

Discover the digital world together... safely!
7 FEBRUARY 2012

Safer Internet Day 2012 will be held on Tuesday 7 February.

The theme '**Connecting generations and educating each other**' will be used to promote safer and more responsible use of social networking sites.

The day will highlight the importance of protecting privacy, the impact on digital reputation and the need for online etiquette.

This annual international event is coordinated by Insafe, the European network for internet safety and supported in Australia by the ACMA.

SCAMS

Money Transfer Requests

Money transfer scams are on the rise. Be very careful when someone offers you money to help transfer their funds. Once you send money to someone, it can be very difficult, if not almost impossible, to get it back.



What to look for:

The **Nigerian Scam** is one of the most complained about scams in Australia. Although one of these sorts of scams originate in Nigeria, similar scams have been started by scammers all over the world

- Scarness
- Torquay
- Urangan
- Urraween
- Point Vernon
- Dundowran
- Craignish
- Burrum Heads

Maryborough –

- Christensen Crescent
- Kent Street
- Box Street
- Stafford Street
- Campbell Street
- Russell Street
- Gayndah Street – Mungar
- Neptune Street
- Alice Street
- Milton Street
- Connolly Street
- Sussex Street

Howard –

- Toogoom

**Wilful
Damage**



Hervey Bay –

- Urangan
- Pialba
- Scarness
- Dundowran
- River Heads
- Craignish
- Kawungan
- Torquay
- Urraween
- Point Vernon
- Burrum Heads

Maryborough –

- Maud Street
- Albert Street
- Walker Street
- Dau Drive
- Saint Mungo Street
- Granville State School
- Lennox Street
- Adelaide Street
- Ferry Lane
- William Street
- Neptune Street
- Cambridge Street
- Ferry Street
- Ella Street
- Frank Street
- Pallas Street
- Central Road
- Kanyan Road – Theebine
- Fort Lane

(particularly in other parts of West Africa and Asia). These scams are increasingly referred to as '**advance fee fraud**'.

In the classic Nigerian scam, you receive an email or letter from a scammer asking your help to transfer a large amount of money overseas. You are then offered a share of the money if you agree to give them your bank account details to help with the transfer. They will then ask you to pay all kinds of taxes and fees before you can receive your 'reward'. You will never be sent any of the money, and will lose the fees you paid.

Then there's the scam email that claims to be from a lawyer or bank representative advising that a long-lost relative of yours has died and left you a huge **inheritance**. Scammers can tell such genuine sounding stories that you could be tricked into providing personal documents and bank account details so that you can confirm their identity and claim your inheritance. The 'inheritance' is likely to be non-existent and, as well as losing any money you might have paid to the scammer in fees and taxes, you could also risk having your identity stolen.

If you or your business is selling products or services online or through newspaper classifieds, you may be targeted by an **overpayment** scam. In response to your advertisement you might receive a generous offer from a potential buyer and accept it. You receive payment by cheque or money order, but the amount you receive is more than the agreed price. The buyer may tell you that the overpayment was simply a mistake or they may invent an excuse, such as extra money to cover delivery charges. If you are asked to refund the excess by money transfer, be suspicious. The scammer is hoping that you will transfer the refund before you discover that their cheque has bounced or their money order was phoney. You will lose the transferred money as well as the item if you have already sent it.



PROTECT YOURSELF

REMEMBER	If you have been approached by someone asking you to transfer money for them, make sure it is from a legitimate source.
CAUTION	Never send money, or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know or trust.
THINK	Don't accept a cheque or money order for payment of goods that is more than what you agree upon. Send it back and ask the buyer to send you payment for the agreed amount before you deliver the goods or services.
INVESTIGATE	Examine the information on SCAMwatch for information on how to protect yourself.
ASK YOURSELF	Is it really safe to transfer money for someone you do not know?

- Boys Avenue
- Gayndah Airport
- Sunbury State School
- Gilberts Road – Deep Creek
- Albert State School
- Ann Street
- Kent Street
- Aberdeen Avenue
- Jupiter Street
- Arnaud Street
- Alice Street
-

Howard –

- Toogoom

Neighbourhood Watch Meetings February & March 2012

Hervey Bay Area 2 – Point Vernon
Big 4 Caravan Park, Point Vernon
7th February @ 9:30am

Hervey Bay Area 3 – Point Vernon
Big 4 Caravan Park, Point Vernon
1st February @ 10:00am
7th March @ 10:00am

Hervey Bay Area 4 – Point Vernon
69 Corser Street, Point Vernon
4th February @ 3:30pm

Hervey Bay Area 7 – Kawungan
Kawungan State School
27th February @ 7:00pm

Maryborough Area 1 – Newtown
203 Cheapside Street, Maryborough
7th February @ 7:30pm

Maryborough Area 3 – Bell Hill Top
27 Sprake Dr, Maryborough
14th February @ 9:30am

Maryborough Area 6 – Sunbury
Sunbury State School, Maryborough
2nd February @ 7:00pm

Poona

Poona Progress Association
22nd February @ 7:30pm
21st March @ 7:30pm

Howard Area 1 – Burrum Heads
Community Hall Burrum Heads
10th February @ 9:00am

Next month read how to protect yourself from Banking, Credit Card & Online Account Scams.

Transporting Police Through Time

The mode of transporting Queensland Police has changed significantly since 1863 when police walked the beat. Since the mid-1800s, bicycles, horses, camels, mules, motorbikes, ex-military vehicles from WWII and automobiles have been used to transport Queensland Police Service officers around the State.



1886 - Camels outside the Birdsville Police Station where they were first introduced when it was becoming increasingly difficult to keep horses fed and watered sufficiently.

1896 – Bicycles were introduced. Pedal power proved to be an efficient way of getting around – except for the occasional flat tyre. However, the advent of motorised transport in the 1920s took policing to a whole new level of efficiency.



1909 – 78,000 acres at Rewan was proclaimed as a stud farm for breeding police horses. By 1912 the first 69 Rewan bred remounts were ready for police work. Horses were the main transport option in the country and were still being used into the 1950's.

1925 – Three Harley-Davidson “Indian” motorcycles with side carriages were purchased. By 1938 there were 38 motorcycles in the fleet made up of Royal Enfields with sidecars; English 1000cc AJS’ & BSA 1000cc twin bikes.



1933 – Ford V8 vehicles were purchased in order to keep up to speed with the top-of-the-range vehicles used by criminals. In 1935 vehicles were fitted with an AWA mobile HF receiver installed in the car boot, which meant officers could receive messages but not transmit them.

Did You Know?

The highest temperature recorded in Australia was at Cloncurry in Queensland on 16 January 1889 where the temperature reached 53.1°C.

The highest temperature recorded in the world is 58.0°C at Al Azizyah in Libya on 13 September 1922.

At the opposite end of the scale the lowest temperature recorded in the world is minus 89.6°C at the Vostok Scientific Station in Antarctica on 21 July 1983.

Australia's lowest recorded temperature is minus 23.0°C at Charlotte Pass (NSW) on 29 June 1994. Only Perisher Valley & Kiandra have ever fallen below minus 20.0°C



1946 - A 1941 white Chevrolet Special Deluxe utility, affectionately known as the "White Ghost", was introduced to Brisbane and Toowoomba streets in 1946. The vehicle was equipped with a loud hailer and cruised around the streets as part of a campaign for a better observance of traffic rules by the public.



1965 – Police fleet cars included the Mini Minor, Ford Cortina, Ford Falcon, Ford Fairlane, Holden Kingswood, Willys Jeep, Rambler Classic and the Studebaker. They were very basic vehicles with column shift and no air-conditioning or heating.

1975 – Bicycles were phased out and more cars and motorcycles were put into service. The Air Wing also became operational following the purchase of two single-engine aircraft.



1982 – Yellow V8 Ford Falcons were introduced as the first Highway Patrol cars. Air-conditioning was scaled into the fleet in the 1980s. It was a major feat to have the car at Stanthorpe Station fitted with a heater.

2009 – Ford Falcon XR6 high-visibility performance vehicles in red, green, blue & purple were introduced to South East Queensland. The vehicles have a 270 kilowatt turbo engine and LED light bars on the roof.



2011 – The vivid yellow "Fatal 4" vehicles are introduced. HSV has created four limited edition SV-R models, upgraded to GTS power output of 325kW. These are the most powerful Clubsport vehicles ever made.

Since the mid 1990s, all State Traffic Task Force vehicles have been fitted with Mobile Integrated Data Access (MINDA) – owned by Queensland Transport – allowing officers access to an operational log containing real-time information about vehicle registration, traffic offences and outstanding warrants.

A Crime Prevention Message:-

Stop and Think

"LOCK IT OR LOSE IT"

Before you leave your car – close and lock all doors and windows.

EVERY TIME

Not securing/locking your vehicle is an offence and you may be issued with a \$40-00 Traffic Infringement Notice.

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Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions.

The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine.. The Valentines honoured on 14 February are Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni.

Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred about AD269 and buried on the Via Flaminia. His relics are at the Church of Saint Praxed in Rome and at the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin.

Valentine of Terni became bishop of Interamna about AD197 and is said to have been martyred during the persecution under Emperor Aurelian. He is also buried at Via Flaminia. His relics are at the Basilica of Saint Valentine in Terni.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 9th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

Chinese New Year 2012 The Year of Black Water Dragon

The first day of the 2012 Chinese New Year was on January 23 in the Chinese time zone. This day was a new moon and was the first day of the first Chinese lunar month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar system.

The Year 2012 is the 4,709th Chinese year. The Chinese believe that the first king of China was the Yellow King (he was not the first emperor of China). The Yellow King became king in 2,697BC; therefore China entered the 4,709th year on January 23. Also, the Chinese Year uses the cycle of 60 Stem-Branch counting systems and the Black Water Dragon is the 28th Stem-Branch in the cycle. Since $(60 * 78) + 29 = 4,709$, therefore 2012 is the Water Dragon year.



Kung Hei Fat Choi



Be Cautious – if you get an unsolicited call and the caller requests personal information, it may be a scam. Hang up and verify who they are by independently finding their contact details from a trustworthy source such as a phone book and contacting them directly.

Protect your personal information and financial details - don't provide your details to anyone who has contacted you out of the blue who you don't know and trust. Even if they claim to be from a reputable company or Government department it may still be a scam.

If you get a call from someone claiming you are entitled to a refund, have won a holiday or have a virus on your computer, hang up immediately.

Contact your bank immediately if you think you have provided your details to a scammer.



Can you help police identify these people?



Stealing from Hotel

SUSPECT:



SUSPECT:



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Crime Prevention

Opportunistic thefts have been occurring in the Maryborough & Hervey Bay area. Reduce the risk of becoming a victim with these simple hints.

1. Main method of entry is open or unlocked doors/windows and removing fly screens.
2. Thieves are targeting items such as laptops, cameras, mobile phones, wallets and gaming systems.
3. Thieves also target open patios and verandas and remove items from those places.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious persons or vehicles seen in their area to police.

Securing your home reduces the opportunity for criminals to commit offences and reduces the inconvenience and cost to you.

To report a non urgent matter contact Policelink on 131 444



Can you help police Identify this person?



Shop Theft



Quote Reference QP1101125557

Can you help police Identify this person?



Shop Theft



Quote Reference QP1101140310



**Can you help police Locate
this Truck &
Trailer?**



Heavy Machinery Theft



Quote Reference QP1200043381
