



CAIRNS CRIME BULLETIN



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AOBH-CAIRNS NORTH

Cairns Detectives are investigating an assault that occurred at approximately 8.00pm on Thursday the 7th of January at the intersection of Grafton and Minnie Streets, Cairns North. It is believed that a 23 year-old woman was approached from behind whilst talking on her mobile phone. The offender allegedly grabbed the woman by her shoulder before pushing her to the ground. The offender then fled on foot along Grafton Street.



Anyone with information is urged to contact Cairns CIB on 40 307153 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 QP1000120935.

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VEHICLE STOLEN-GORDONVALE

Mossman Police are investigating the theft of a vehicle from a Kenrick Street home at Gordonvale which occurred sometime between midnight and 7am on Sunday the 21st of February. The vehicle is a white 1984 single cab Toyota utility that has a steel tray and wooden floor. At the time it was stolen the vehicle was bearing Queensland Registration 039 GNR. Below is an image depicting a vehicle similar in description.



Anyone with information is urged to contact Gordonvale Police on 40 456 3200 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 www.qld.crimestoppers.com.au QP1000252320



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SHOP STEAL- EARLVILLE

Police are investigating an alleged shop steal that occurred at approximately 3.30pm on the 18th of February at an Earlville shopping centre. It is alleged that the offender put on a pair of shoes and left the store without making attempt to pay. The offender fled when confronted by staff. Police believe that the man depicted in the image below may be able to assist with inquiries.



Anyone with information is urged to contact Earlville Police Beat on 40 3378 99 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 **QP1000245881**.

www.qld.crimestoppers.com.au. *Crime Stoppers is a charitable community volunteer*

MOTOR SCOOTER THEFT-MANUNDA

Police are investigating the theft of a motor scooter from under a stairwell at an Anderson Street apartment complex. The machine was stolen sometime between 8.00pm on Wednesday and 1.00am on Thursday. It is described as being a 2006 Yamaha CV50 scooter and when stolen was bearing Queensland registration ZR845.

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES- SMITHFIELD

Police are appealing for witnesses after a 79-year-old local woman sustained serious head injuries following a fall on Monday. Around 2.00pm the woman was traveling on a suburban bus when she fell hitting her head. The woman boarded the bus near the roundabout at the intersection of Lydia and Lamb streets, Smithfield. Police are especially interested in hearing from two female passengers who assisted the injured woman on the bus as well as helping her into Cairns Base Hospital.



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WILFUL DAMAGE-WESTCOURT

Police are investigating the willful damage of a vehicle that occurred at around 4pm on Saturday afternoon at the intersection of Tills Street and Mulgrave Road. A man approached a vehicle waiting to turn onto Mulgrave Road and made contact with the rear of the car causing a loud bang. The man then yelled at the young female driver before hitting the windscreen causing it to crack. He is described as aged in his late twenties, of Asian appearance, approximately 170cm tall with short spiked black hair. He was wearing a white singlet and dark shorts. It is believed the man was running south on Tills Street prior to the incident.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cairns Police on 4030 7000 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 www.qld.crimestoppers.com.au **QP1000250707**



POLICE AUCTION

26TH February

12th March

Quaid Auctions,

Corner Sheridan Street and Airport Ave.



Cairns Police are preparing to dispose of 28 vehicles which have been forfeited under the vehicle impoundment legislation. A total of 19 seized motor cars and one trail bike will go under the auctioneer's hammer this Friday, with an additional eight vehicles to be auctioned on Friday March 12. The vehicles have all been impounded by Cairns Police after having used by offenders to commit repeat traffic offences.

The vehicles will be offered as separate lots with no reserve and will form part of the monthly Quaid goods and chattels auction at their North Cairns complex at 401 Sheridan Street.

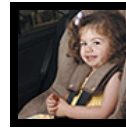
The seized vehicles will be sold unencumbered, on an 'as-is-where-is' basis with no registration or warranty expressed or implied. The bulk of the vehicles are 1990's models with some late 80's vehicles as well.

The auction will be held at 9.30 am on Friday February 26. The seized vehicles, along with all the other lots offered by Quaid Auctions, will be available for inspection on the day prior from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and on the morning of the sale.



NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

Effective March 11th 2010



From 11 March 2010, it's the law for all children up to seven years of age to be correctly restrained according to their size and age. It is important that the correct child restraint is chosen and installed. The penalty for incorrectly securing a child is \$300 and three demerit points.

To find out more, browse the below links or phone the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 132380.



The following new restrictions apply:

Babies aged 0 to 6 months must be secured in an approved rearward facing baby capsule or infant restraint that is properly fastened and adjusted.

Babies and children aged between 6 months and 4 years of age must be secured in either an approved rearward facing child restraint or an approved forward facing child restraint with built-in harness that is properly fastened and adjusted. It is recommended that a baby remain in an approved infant restraint for as long as possible.

Children who have reached 4 years of age must be secured in an approved booster seat with a H-harness or a booster seat with a secured adult seatbelt that is properly fastened and adjusted. The child must be secured in this manner up until they turn seven years of age.

The rules recognise that some children may be too large or too small for a specific type of child restraint.

- If your child is too small to move into the next level of restraint, you should keep your child in the lower level restraint for as long as possible (for example, a child who has turned four but is too small for a booster seat should remain in a forward facing child restraint with a built-in harness).
- If your child is too large to fit into a child restraint specified for your child's age, your child may move into the next level of restraint. A child is too tall for a booster seat when the level of the child's eyes is above the level of the back of the booster seat.

For further information on exemptions and varied seating arrangements in vehicles visit the Queensland Transport Website:

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/Motor_vehicle/Child_restraints/Rs_mv_restraint_seatbelt_laws



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HANDY HINTS

- Treat your personal details like you would treat money: don't leave them lying around for others to take.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know.
- **DO NOT** send money or pay a fee to claim a prize or lottery winnings.
- If someone comes to your door, ask for identification.
- **DO NOT** let them in. If they refuse to leave, call police.
- Research door to door offers before paying any money or signing contracts.
- Contact the office of Fair Trading if you have any concerns.
- **DO NOT** give out your personal details, credit card or online account details to people you don't know.
- Legitimate Banks and financial institutions never ask for your account details in an EMAIL.
- Install software to protect your computer from viruses.
- Scammers can set up false websites. Always research thoroughly.

WEST AFRICAN FRAUD SCAM



Police are issuing a warning regarding a new scam targeting victims who have already lost thousands of dollars.

The email-generated scam has been designed to fleece those victims who have already sent money to West Africa in advance fee fraud scams.

An email is sent directly to the vulnerable target telling them that following a recent United Nations meeting a decision was made to compensate victims. The recipient is asked to provide basic details in order to be considered for the scheme.

Detective Superintendent Brian Hay of the State Crime Operations Command Fraud and Corporate Crime Group believes this latest scam is particularly cruel.

"To target those individuals who have already lost thousands of dollars in scams is particularly vicious. These are heartless individuals who have no morals or common decency.

"Anyone who receives this email is asked to delete it immediately. The message we are constantly telling people is to never send any personal details to anyone you don't know. If something sounds too good to be true then it generally is," Detective Superintendent Hay said.

Anyone who has been a victim of advance fee fraud is encouraged to report the matter to police, including via the online reporting system located on the police website at www.police.qld.gov.au

BUYER BEWARE:



Fraudulent car sale advertisements:

An Edmonton couple alerted police after they fell victim to a fraudulent car sale. The couple purchased a vehicle via email after responding to an advertisement in a local paper. The couple paid the full amount for the purchase of a Toyota Hilux however the vehicle never arrived. They have since tried to make contact with the seller to no avail. It is believed that the money was collected by persons unknown overseas. For more information about how scams work and how to protect yourself contact SCAM watch; www.scamwatch.gov.au

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For more information about scams, click the icon below.

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In Case of Emergency (ICE)

In your mobile phone, under 'ICE', save the name and number of a person to be contacted In Case of Emergency (ICE).



Keep a list of important contact numbers with you at all times — you never know when you might need to call someone for assistance or information.



ANOUNCEMENT

The official launch of Woree Neighbourhood Watch (Cairns 13)

7:00 pm Monday 1st March 2010

**Community Learning Centre,
Woree High School**

**Windarra Street, Woree
(Opposite tennis courts)**



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**Next Meeting: 5.30pm 8th
March 2010**

The Cairns Crime Stoppers committee meets monthly at Cairns Police Station 5.30pm every second Tuesday. The committee aims to identify new fund raising strategies to raise community awareness of Crime Stoppers and the process of reporting criminal activity whilst remaining anonymous.

Crime Stoppers is the most successful community platform for the prevention and detection of crime. The committee is looking for new members and encourages all members of the community to participate.

For further information please contact the committee by E mail — www.crimestoppers.com.au
'To work in an interactive partnership between the community, Crime Stoppers and the Queensland Police Service'

CRIME STOPPERS - 1800 333 000

CAIRNS CRIME STOPPERS

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PURPOSE BUILT TRAILER

The Cairns Area Crime Stoppers Committee is currently raising funds for the purpose of constructing a purpose built BBQ trailer to facilitate fundraising initiatives. The trailer will provide flexibility to attend community events, school activities, annual show and shopping centre's. The trailer will be presented in Crime Stoppers corporate colours to further raise community awareness of Crime Stoppers.

The committee has already raised \$20,000 and requires a further \$9,000 to meet construction costs. All persons/organisations who donate to this project will have their identifying logo placed in a prominent position on the trailer.



For any further information, please contact John Harris on E-mail john.harris@live.com.au or Cheryl Sayer on E-mail cairns@csqld.com.

The enclosed picture depicts an identical trailer that was constructed by Cape York Trailers for the State Emergency Services. It will be fitted with on-board pull-out BBQ, water tank and sink, 12v refrigerator, batteries, generator, large esky and storage space.





Click on the below link to subscribe to the Crime Stoppers newsletter.

<http://www.atcbiz.com.au/ems/subscribe.php?c=70gh5bdegp>

Queensland Smartcards-

replacing standard drivers licences

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is introducing a more secure new Queensland driver licence that will replace the laminated licence that has been used for nearly 20 years.

Current driver licence holders will not be required to apply for the new Queensland Driver Licence until their existing licence expires. When the **smartcard** licence is introduced, people who are due to renew their driver licence (in an area where the **smartcard** is available) will receive information with their licence renewal notice.

Queensland driver licences are valid for up to five years, so it will take up to five years for all Queenslanders to replace their laminated licences with **smartcards**.

Information obtained from QLD Transport Website;
http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Licensing/Queensland_smartcards/

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Please read below for the meeting times in your Neighbourhood Watch area;

For more information about the Neighbourhood Watch Program go to : www.police.qld.gov/nhw

TRINITY PARK: 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every 2nd month Satterley's Property Group Office, Selwyn Circuit.

FRESHWATER: Tuesday March the 9th 2010, 7.30pm Freshwater State School.

EDGEHILL/WHITFIELD: 2nd week in March 2010 Edge Hill bowls club 7pm.

TRINITY BEACH: 29th March 2010 Red Cross Hall Trinity Beach Rd (This will be an AGM meeting and all positions will be open for nomination).

MOOROPOOL: March 2nd 2010

FOREST GARDENS: 7.30pm First Tuesday of the month, Community Centre, Forest Gardens Blvd.

CANOPY'S EDGE: May 6.30pm Canopy's Edge Sales Office.

WOREE: First week in March, Learning Centre-Woree High school.

To become involved in a Neighbourhood watch group in your area contact:

Senior Constable Heidi Marek at Cairns District Crime Prevention on 4030 7045

Marek.HeidiJ@police.qld.gov.au

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www.communities.qld.gov.au
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimeprevention/dv/default.htm>

http://www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention/dealing_with/dealing_wi th.html

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Road Closure Advice

Please be advised of the following road closure;
Digger Street between Grove and Charles Street from
Thursday the 25th of February until Monday the 5th of July.

Traffic entering Digger Street from Grove Street will continue unaffected.
Traffic entering Digger Street from Charles Street will not be able to continue through to Grove Street as it will be closed at the Grove Street end.

Closure is due to the construction of Block F at the Cairns Base Hospital.

Funeral Details of Father Pat Jones

Tomorrow the Queensland Police Service will farewell a Police Chaplain who graciously served the community over a 20 year career. Father Pat Jones was first appointed to the Far Northern Region as Police Chaplain on June 7, 1989.

Prior to his official appointment Father Pat provided support to the victims, families and Emergency Service workers, including Police in the aftermath of the fatal Bus crash on the Gillies Range. In this crash eight young people died. Father Pat was winched down to the site and performed last rites for those who had died, and comforted those waiting to be rescued.

In January 1993 Father Pat was moved to the Parishes of Weipa and Cooktown with his Chaplaincy responsibilities covering the Cape area.

Between 1999 and 2001 he moved to Kununurra, but continued involvement in Police Chaplaincy with the Western Australian Police, providing care and support in that remote region.

He returned to the Cape in 2002. During this period Father Pat played an integral role in supporting Cape families and emergency workers involved in the fatal plane crash at Iron Range near Lockhart River. He personally knew Police Officer Sally Urquhart who died in the crash.

In 2005, he took 'active retirement' at Mourilyan, near Innisfail where he helped out in parishes all around the Diocese of Cairns. He continued to provide support to the Cape Stations for the Queensland Police Service until his retirement in February 2007.

He is remembered as a man who provided tolerant, supportive and meaningful ministry to members of the Queensland Police Service, in particular, the Far Northern Region. All are invited to attend to farewell Father Pat Jones.

Please be advised of the following funeral details for the late Police Chaplain Father Pat Jones;

Friday the 26th of February: A vigil service will be held at 7.30pm at St Monica's Catholic Cathedral on Abbott Street, Cairns.

Saturday the 27th of February: A Requiem Mass will commence at 10.00am at St Monica's Cathedral where there will be a Police guard of honor to farewell the funeral procession from the Cathedral.



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