



Neighbourhood Watch



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Mooroolool / Manunda Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held at " PRIDE LEAGUES CLUB " 7pm - December 7th, 2010.

Location 172 - 184 Irene Street, Mooroolool. Ph 40531169

Christmas breakup Meeting: come along from the Christmas nibbles, and raffle prizes, song and a good time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the community for 2010. Thank you for your contribution to the running of a successful Neighbourhood Watch Program.

Thank you to Pride Leagues Club: for your continued support throughout 2010. The support is very much appreciated, 2011 meetings have been confirmed, and the community thank you.

Raffle Prizes: \$100.00 donated by a member of the community every year, thank you.

A Solar powered House Numbering Kit, unclaimed prize from the Low Carbon Diet. Lucky Door Prize.

Police Officers from the Beat: will be in attendance to bring information to the community, and any questions please?

Thank you to everyone from the Government Departments who have supported and assisted in 2010. From Local, State and Federal. The community will look forward to all working together during 2011. Aim, to achieve issues for the betterment of the community as a whole.



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia
supports Operation Unite
17 to 18 December, 2010



Police from Australia and New Zealand will unify again this year for Operation Unite to combat issues of alcohol misuse, violence and anti-social behaviour. Operation Unite will continue to target the culture of binge drinking in public places and appeal to the drinking public to take greater responsibility for their behaviour. Whilst police will target alcohol-related behaviour and violence, we are also relying on the support of the community to do so. Alcohol misuse and related violence and anti-social behaviour are problems that are experienced throughout Australia and New Zealand. That is why police jurisdictions across both countries have come together to make a stand with Operation Unite. Police will be operating both overtly and covertly during the operation. Police will be engaged in high visibility and plain clothes patrols of licensed premises and local 'hotspots' focusing on crime, violence and anti-social, and alcohol-related behaviour. Random breath testing units, dog squad and additional police on patrol will be contributing in the Cairns and surrounding suburbs.



SCAM ALERTS - CAIRNS

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In recent weeks Cairns police have had a number of scams ranging from phone, email and door-to-door scams. Police are warning locals to remain vigilant. This week a woman received a phone call from a person claiming to work for the Queensland Energy Board, which does not exist. The person offered an easy to use energy saving product at a price and then attempted to coerce the last 12 digits of the woman's credit card to secure the sale. The woman refused to part with the information and was then advised that the person already had her credit card number and that they just needed her three digit code on the back of her card. The woman terminated the call only to receive an abusive call minutes later by a man with a foreign accent.

In another scam, Cairns restaurants have been contacted by email and asked to provide a booking for multiple guests over a number of nights whilst clients were in town. The scam involves an email from an international business wishing to book a restaurant for multiple clients and then relies on requesting direct phone numbers to make arrangements for credit card authorisations to be processed. Police are reminding people if they are approached by someone asking for money transfers or to provide credit card details to ensure they are legitimate. Never send money, give credit card or online account information to anyone (including over the phone) that you don't know and trust. Advance fee fraud in short is a money transfer request. The Nigerian Scam is the most complained about scam in Australia, but we are seeing an increasing number of complaints from businesses approached by 'overseas companies'.

Never rush into any transaction.

Always take your time and seek independent advice before making any decisions.

Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, chances are it is.

Just ask yourself, if a stranger knew of a quick way to make money, would they be telling you about it.

Remember if someone comes to your door, ask to see their identification.

You don't have to let them into your property and they must leave if you ask them to.

Never agree to anything without reading all the terms and conditions of the offer very carefully.

If you are interested in what the door-to-door salesperson is offering, then take the time to find out more about the business and research the offer.

Don't ever agree to any offer involving a significant amount of money. Shop around and find the best deal.

If something sounds too good to be true, then chances are it is.

Residents in the Cairns area are urged to be vigilant when dealing with door-to-door sales people. Some legitimate businesses use this approach however some unscrupulous operators can still act illegally to the detriment of others. Sometimes scams involve the promotion of goods or services that are either of poor quality or not delivered at all. Some scams may involve you getting billed for work that you didn't want or didn't agree to.

In the event you are unsure about the legitimacy of an offer or a person's credentials, contact the Office of Fair Trading on **ph: 13 13 04** or your local police. To find out more about how scams work and how to protect yourself go to **www.scamwatch.gov.au**
Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact your local police or Crime Stoppers anonymously via **1800 333 000** or **crimestoppers.com.au** 24hrs a day. Crime Stoppers is a charitable community

CRIME STATISTICS – FAR NORTHERN REGION

Many people have a fear of crime which is significantly disproportionate to the reality of the safety risks they face. This fear often results in unnecessary limitations being placed on their lifestyle and reduces their quality of life. Cairns residents are encouraged to educate themselves about personal violence risks, you are encouraged to conduct research at your local library or via the internet. The Queensland Police Service publishes a Statistical Review each year containing up to date statistics on personal violence offences. By implementing practical safety strategies and using a simple common sense approach to personal safety, you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime. This way, preventative strategies are based on the actual risk, rather than restricting one's lifestyle based on an exaggerated fear. Avoid walking home alone late at night arrange for a taxi or for someone to collect you. Secure your property and valuables. You may also consider requesting crime prevention co-ordinators to deliver a Crime Prevention Community Presentation to your school, business or community group to address common trends of personal violence and practical crime prevention and responsive strategies. Overall Cairns has seen a 2% reduction in crime, with offences such as robberies and break-ins down by 15%. Assaults however rose slightly to 4%. We can't rest on our laurels and police require members of the community to assist by locking up homes, businesses and vehicles, securing valuables and implementing personal safety strategies. Police continue to encourage victims of crime to report offences to police and seek assistance. Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Cairns police on **4030 7000** or Crime Stoppers anonymously via **1800 333 000** or **crimestoppers.com.au** 24hrs a day. For non-urgent reports, please call **POLICE LINK** on **131444**.

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/cpm2010/Resources.htm>

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/services/reportsPublications/statisticalReview/0910/default.htm>

Cairns District Crime Prevention Co-ordinators ph: **40307028 / 4030706**

Prepare for cyclone, storm, flood and tsunami now! Emergency Management

Queensland (EMQ) is committed to community safety in Queensland through working with local governments, other agencies and communities to help everyone make informed decisions and take appropriate steps when it comes to preparing for and responding to emergencies and natural disasters. Taking time now to discuss and plan for emergencies can help you prepare for, survive and minimize the impact and effect of natural disasters. We can all take steps before, during and after any disaster to help reduce potential loss of life and property damage. The information contained on this website will help you to remain calm and take positive, effective steps towards protecting yourself and your family.

Dengue: The Dengue mosquito breeding season is upon us again with some areas already reporting confirmed cases.

Please take all precautions with empty containers, old tyres, buckets, swing sets, palm fronds, hose bromedial plants regularly, etc

Lions Christmas Cakes: 1kg \$10-1.5kg \$13, Solar Powered House No's



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Cairns Police Station	40307000
EMERGENCY	000
Mooroolool Police Beat:	4033 0850
Manoora Police Beat:	4032 3614
Raintrees:	4053 3200
Cairns Regional Council:	4044 3044
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