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Working for Safer Communities

POTTSVILLE BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4th 2011 – 3pm to 4pm

“Sandbar” meeting room Neighbourhood Centre 12A Elizabeth Street Pottsville Beach.

It was a beautiful, balmy day in Pottsville when a first time visitor, delighting in being able to take his jet ski out the mouth of Mooball Creek, parked and locked his 4 wheel drive and set out for some enjoyment. His mood changed greatly when he returned to find his car had been broken in to and he was minus his wallet containing a sizeable amount of money and all his plastic cards, plus his clothing. Agitated and distressed, he asked neighbours in the area had they seen anything going on? No one had but he was urged to phone the police and make a report of the incident and he did so. He was also given a square cloth to be placed on the dashboard. It is distributed by Neighbour Watch and is the initiative of NSW Police Force.

It reads “ALL VALUABLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS VEHICLE”

Several weeks later he returned, wearing his previously stolen clothes and a broad smile and his wallet in his pocket. The police had caught the culprit at the Sunshine Coast with his 4 wheel drive loaded with loot he had stolen on his way up the coast.

A chain of reports to police led to his arrest.

This is one little story with a happy ending to encourage you to keep on reporting every incident on 1800 333 000 and do take the time to remove your valuables from your car.

For lack of wood, the fire goes out. You can add your log of enthusiasm so that the fire of decreasing crime in our area burns brightly.

Residents of Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Watch Area need to UNITE to solve problems.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO JUST A FEW PEOPLE TO DO THE “HARD YARDS”

If crime, (no matter how small), goes unreported to the Police, you have failed your neighbours in regard to their safety and your own. All phone calls are recorded – they help show a pattern of criminal incidents and the need for police attention in the area.

If you find a door lock tampered with, but no-one in your house, a broken letterbox etc ring the POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE - 131 444

In an Emergency DIAL 000.

The operator will ask you which service (Ambulance, Police or Fire), the location and the nearest cross streets.



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QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS - Tweed Coast Area - Kingscliff to Wooyung

Apr, May & June Stats	Kingscliff	Casuarina	Cabarita	Hastings Point	Pottsville	Wooyung	Totals
Assaults	14	2	7	3	4	-	24
Break & Enter	28	15	7	3	17	1	71
Malicious Damage	20	1	11	7	16	-	55
Theft	10	1	5	4	9	1	30
Theft from vehicles	24	5	9	9	10	1	58
Stolen Vehicles	10	-	2	1	-	-	13
Total Incidents	106	24	35	27	56	3	251

CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE

13 2111

or

1800 212 936

Access available 24 hours a day
7 days a week

CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 000

Report Crime Anonymously

www.police.nsw.gov.au/crimestoppers

Every resident is encouraged to help break the barriers that isolate and watch out for the welfare of their neighbours. There are many diverse ways of doing this:

- Reporting all suspected crime, no matter how trivial, using the numbers provided on the front page.
- Come and join us at our meetings so that together we can implement strategies which will make living in this wonderful area safer and even more enjoyable.

Our next meeting is on 4th August at the Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre.

We look forward to welcoming you! Your presence would be such an encouragement.

Contacts:

Tweed Heads P S	07 5536 0999	Police Assistance Line	13 1444
Kingscliff P S	02 6674 9399	Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Village Coordinators:			
Nth Pottsville: Don McDonald	02 6676 1858	Pottsville NHW Secretary -	
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PBNC Services: opp shop, markets & community BBQ, local information and referral, Centrelink Agency, broadband internet, computer access, computer lessons, toy library, room hire for community events, community meeting space, photocopying and laminating, tax help July to October

PBNC Activities:

child/carer focused groups, playgroups, personal growth courses, educational seminars, exercise and art sessions, community gardening, volunteer programme.

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