



POTTSVILLE BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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“working towards a safer community”

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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5th 2011 – 3pm to 4pm

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

Our world has been shaken by earthquakes and tsunamis on a scale that shocks us. We watch our TV and can only imagine the toll on human hearts and nerves as these unexpected nightmares take hold of the lives of thousands of people. Security is of paramount importance to us and whenever the loss of security invades our lives through minor trauma or one that is of devastating magnitude, it rattles our stability and feeling of well being.

We check our list of priorities, our everyday values, goals and future plans. Most of us would agree with the evaluation of our NZ neighbours that building and possessions can be replaced but people can never be replaced.

People and their welfare are the main concern of Neighbourhood Watch. That is why our local committee made their way into Coronation Street on February 17th to meet and greet people. Information, fridge magnets and stickers were distributed along with free BBQ sausages. It was an encouraging time with numerous people joining up as new members while others expressed appreciation of the work done by Neighbourhood Watch.

As our next meeting approaches, we are hoping that our new members and any other interested locals will attend. An added incentive to come along is that you will have the opportunity to meet SENIOR CONSTABLE JENNIFER POOLMAN, the new CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER for our area.

Come along and meet your ‘neighbours’, express any concerns you may have and offer any new ideas that have been on your mind. Let us help each other, to help each other! Together we can make the most of living in this beautiful area and maintain the lifestyle we are privileged to enjoy.

Residents of PBNHW 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

Nov, Dec & Jan Stats	Kingscliff	Casuarina	Cabarita	Hastings Point	Pottsville	Wooyung	Totals
Assaults	8	-	2	1	6	-	17
Break & Enter	17	7	5	-	2	-	31
Malicious Damage	16	7	9	-	5	-	37
Theft	17	5	6	4	12	-	44
Theft from vehicles	3	2	6	1	9	2	23
Stolen Vehicles	3	1	5	-	3	-	12
Total Incidents	64	22	33	6	37	2	164

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 5th May 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 -	
Sth Pottsville: Nerida Hunter	02 6676 2642	Christine O'Leary	0422 293 360
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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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