

NEWSLETTER of POTTSVILLE BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

(AREA 11 GROUP of TWEED VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH INC)



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Next Meeting:- **Thursday 7th November 2013 - 3.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Reef Room, Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre
Elizabeth Street, Pottsville Beach**

Reported Crime Figures for August & September

Pottsville's reported crime statistics for August and September have been low with only one reported Malicious Damage and one reported Assault in August. September has also been reasonably quiet in Pottsville Village, however there were reports of a caravan, a body truck and earthmoving equipment having been stolen from the Pottsville District. At the October meeting of the Combined NHW groups it was stated that crime across the LAC is continuing to fall.

With the summer months and Christmas Holidays coming up, it is a good time to review our home security. Many break and enter crimes can be described as opportunistic. Thieves will usually target 'easy' premises with low security, so it is timely to refresh ourselves with home security.

Security Checklist

Is your street number clearly visible? — Clearly visible street numbers allow emergency services to find your home.

Are warning signs displayed? — Warning signs can be displayed around the perimeter of your home and property advising of the security measures in place to deter potential intruders.

Are fences and gates on your property able to restrict access to your property? — Sturdy fences and gates with good locks are a strong deterrent to thieves.

Ensure that landscaping is free from potential 'hiding places' for thieves. — Wherever practical, keep trees and shrubs trimmed, improving visibility of your home and reducing a thief's opportunity to break in unseen.

Do you have security lights outside your home? — Once movement is detected sensor security lights can deter thieves for fear of being seen. Install them around the home to keep criminals away.

Are external doors of solid construction? — External doors and frames should be of solid construction. The stronger the external doors the more time a thief will need to spend breaking in, providing the doors are locked.

Are quality lock sets fitted? Have you installed security screens and doors? — Having security doors let you monitor people at the door without opening the security door. Do not let people inside who are unknown to you.

Are windows fitted with locks and/or security screens? — A large number of burglaries occur because windows have not been secured.

Are entry and exit points adequately lit? — Security lighting should be projected outwards towards pathways and gates, not towards windows and doors. If thieves attempt to enter in well lit areas neighbours have a better chance of noticing the crime and contacting police.

Are streetlights in your area operating? — High visibility will deter thieves from breaking into your home. Report any street lights not working to local Council.

Do you lock your garage/garden shed when you are away from home? — Garages/garden sheds are targets for thieves. They should be fitted with solid doors and deadlocks. Always lock vehicles parked in your garage.

Do you know your neighbours well? — Communication with neighbours builds a safer community and allows more people to watch over your home.

Police, Fire, Ambulance 000 In an emergency	Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Report crime anonymously	Police Assistance Line 131 444 For non emergencies
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Comparison Crime Statistics Tweed Coast (LAC) Area Command 2013							
August / September	P/ville	K/cliff	Caba rita	Chin- derah	Casua- rina	Other Areas	TOTALS
Other steal & retail stores	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen vehicle or vessel (v)	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Steal from a motor vehicle	0	3	0	1	1	0	5
Steal from a dwelling	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
Break & Enter / Steal	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Break & Enter / Intent to Steal	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Malicious damage to property	1	3	2	2	0	1	9
Assaults / Common or bodily harm	5	8	2	3	0	2	20
Totals	8	20	4	7	1	5	45

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Open Meeting All Welcome



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