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Tweed Heads Police Station

([www.facebook.com/
TweedByronLAC](http://www.facebook.com/TweedByronLAC))

50 Recreation St
Tweed Heads 2485
07 5536 0999

Crime Stoppers

(www.crimestoppers.com.au/)
1800 333 000

Police Assistance Line

(non-emergency)
131 444

SES (State Emergency Services)

For emergency help in
floods and storms
132 500



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Neighbourhood Watch Area 3 Tweed Heads West

Area Coordinator:
Secretary:
Tweed Valley Neighbourhood Watch
www.tweedneighbourhoodwatch.org.au

Peter Sibilant
Pam Murphy

Next Meeting

Monday 25 June 2012 7:00pm AT SEAGULLS in "The Darts" room
Tweed NHW Combined Group Secretary **Gordon Levenson** will be in attendance

Neighbourhood Watch Area 3 Tweed Heads West has been in recess for nearly 12 months. We have now recommenced and urgently need the support of the local community. Please contact us for information on how you can best assist your community.

What can you do to help? Attend our meetings, once every 3 months, at Seagulls. Help deliver our newsletter. Join our Facebook page (<http://on.fb.me/TweedHeadsWestNHW>).

New Coordinator: Meet our new Coordinator Peter Sibilant. Peter has recently joined our ranks as the Tweed Heads West NHW Area Coordinator. Peter brings a high level of administration, business acumen and IT skills to the group.

Peter has lived in the Tweed Heads West area for nearly 15 years and believes Tweed Heads West to be an ideal place to raise a family and the more relaxing area of the Tweed region. With everyone's help we can keep it that way too.

Project "eyewatch": The New South Wales Police Force has recently launched a new 21st Century crime prevention and reporting initiative that seeks to build on the success of NHW. Project "eyewatch", under the guidance of Chief Inspector Josh Maxwell, this initiative has seen great success by locating missing persons, finding persons of interest and informing the public of important events. We wish Josh Maxwell and his team all the best and thank them for their tireless efforts. Project "eyewatch" is a tool to project the existing Neighbourhood Watch community teams into the 21st century and will create new opportunities in communities where there is currently no organized voice. The program is fully supported the New South Wales Police Force and has the backing of the New South Wales Government.

Crime declines: Recently released crime statistics show a steep decline in crime. Most notably in break and enters (down 21.5%), malicious property damage (down 20.9%), theft from motor vehicles (down 17.4%) and violent offences (down 4.2%).

We applaud the efforts of our police and those involved in keeping us all safe in the community.

Remember to take a few basic steps yourself and drop these figures further:

- Make sure you lock all windows and doors before retiring for the night and leaving home for any period of time. Most importantly the garage door if you have one.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- Put a padlock on your garden shed.
- Always lock your vehicle – even if you're going into a shop for less than minute.
- Report all crime activity – no matter how insignificant you may happen to think it is.

Rural Watch: At the recent combined NHW meeting, our Chairman Geoff Provest made a statement, that there have been times when cattle have been stolen from farming areas. The result being that rural crime police investigators will be appointed.

Rural Watch will soon be a reality and will be part of the Project “eyewatch” program. As Tweed Heads West borders on rural farm and grazing lands we welcome this much anticipated initiative.

Kennedy Drive Roadworks: With the roadwork on Kennedy Drive still underway we’d like to remind people to be safe and courteous while traversing the section of road under construction. Please observe and abide by speed limits and please attempt to not queue across intersections.

Be alert - Not Alarmed: Scams and consumer fraud costs Australians in excess of \$1 billion per year, with that figure climbing yearly, which is why we should all be alert.

Keep track of, and report, any suspected scams at www.scamwatch.gov.au or call The SCAMwatch ACCC Infocentre on 1300 795 995 if you suspect a scam or fraudulent activity.

Graffiti and Vandalism Management: VandalTrak is an initiative for the reporting of graffiti in your area. The growing concern regarding property vandalism, in particular graffiti, has been an ongoing challenge for so many that it seems to be a losing battle. VandalTrak has been established to assist in bringing back the balance of power and control to the key stakeholders being community, business, government and Law Enforcement. Un-reported graffiti only encourages those participating in this type of activity to continue without consequences. The VandalTrak aim is simple, by being able to catalogue all graffiti in our community, we can begin to track just how much damage is being caused by each of the graffiti vandals. This information remains in the VandalTrak system long after the graffiti has been cleaned and will stay active until matched against a person/s of interest.

Report graffiti to VandalTrak on their website www.vandaltrak.com.au in 3 easy steps.

NHW does not solve crime. NHW, through its area groups and newsletters, hope to inform the public and raise awareness to incidents that arouse suspicion of possible criminal acts and to note information (eg. Descriptions of persons involved, vehicle description and registration details, property damage, etc.) which is then forwarded to the relevant authorities.



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