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You can also call 112 from your mobile or 106 for TTY services

Tweed Heads Police Station

(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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NEWSLETTER

Neighbourhood Watch

Area 3 Tweed Heads West

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Tweed Valley Neighbourhood Watch

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Next meeting at Seagulls Club will be announced in the next newsletter due June/July 2013

CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Much has happened over the last few months and in some cases much remains the same. We remind all Tweed Heads West residents that our community is only as safe, productive and scenic as we make it. Be involved and help build a community we can all be proud of.

Crime statistics were disappointing for the period of September 2012 to February 2013. We had 9 stolen vehicle reports in a one month period alone. In stark contrast Banora Point Flame Tree Park has not had a single reported incident since January 2012.

Remember. Lock it or lose it. That applies to both vehicles and homes. Don't keep valuables in plain sight in your vehicle as most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Don't provide that opportunity. There are some tips on the back of this newsletter. I recommend that everyone who receives this newsletter to read them carefully and apply where necessary..

Crime Stats September 2012 to February 2013

Assault: 10 incidents over the period.

Break and Enter: 12 incidents over the period.

Stolen Vehicles: 11 incidents over the period (9 of them alone were in December 2012)

Stealing: 10 incidents over the period.

Malicious Damage: 15 incidents over the period.

Mr Gordon Levenson Winner - Volunteer of the Year Award

Gordon is currently the Honorary Secretary of the Combined Tweed Valley Neighbourhood Watch Groups. Gordon has been an active and passionate member of Neighbourhood Watch in NSW since its inception in 1984. Gordon is also a NSW Police Force Volunteer in Policing and, along with Ray Payne of Flame Tree Park NHW, was one of the first Project eyeWatch precinct coordinators appointed in NSW.

In the last 28 years, Gordon has developed and continued to lead the Tweed / Byron communities in the development of 18 Neighbourhood Watch groups across his region. He has worked closely with state and local government to ensure a community voice was heard relating to safety in the community. Gordon has provided thousands of volunteer hours over the years in providing a crucial link between the communities of the Tweed Valley and the NSW Police Force.

We would like to extend our thanks, gratitude and congratulations to Gordon and Doreen Levenson. Thank you both for your dedication to the wider community.

Seagulls Club Members Badge Draws

Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Win up to \$8,000!



Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Win up to \$10,000!

A Practical Safety Audit for Your Home

A safety audit of your home can identify areas where security can be improved. The following checklist can be used to review your home security.

If you answer no to any of the following questions, you should be thinking of improving or upgrading the security for your home.

Question Y/N

1. Is the house number clearly visible from the street?
2. Are trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
3. Do the front and rear doors have a solid core?
4. Are the doors fitted with a deadlock and/or deadbolt?
5. Are security screens fitted to doors?
6. Does the door have a door viewer (peephole)?
7. Are the windows fitted with key operated locks or security devices?
8. Are your locks keyed alike so that one key opens all doors or windows?
9. Does the house have an automatic light timer or sensor activated lights?
10. Are lights left on when you go out?
11. Is there adequate lighting at the main entry and exits?
12. Is there a telephone extension in the main bedroom?
13. Are emergency numbers keyed into the telephone?
14. Do you have an alarm? If so, is it always used and serviced regularly?
15. Is the garage/shed securely locked?
16. Is the meter box locked?
17. Are tools/ladders secure?
18. Is property engraved or marked for personal identification?
19. Has valuable property been photographed?
20. Have serial numbers been recorded?
21. Are you a member of Neighbourhood Watch?



Scams

In the last newsletter we highlighted some scams and how to avoid them. This edition we're going to highlight one of the oldest scams in circulation that is still taking Australians for millions of dollars per year.

International Award Payment Centre

It's a puzzle why International Award Payment Centre persists in misleading consumers into entering its competitions by claiming they have already won.

But that is exactly what they do. The letter from International Award Payment Centre states that you will be awarded \$12,285.00 "contingent upon your valid entry and pending official declaration as the final winner".

The letter goes on to say: "This award (\$12,285.00) comprises a cash sum budgeted and allocated to an international competition program but as yet unclaimed. Our office has been charged with liquidating this unclaimed \$12,285.00 and disbursing funds to final certified winners."

It asks consumers to send \$20 as an entry and data processing fee. However it leaves out a couple of important pieces of the puzzle – how can you be a winner of a competition that you haven't entered yet and doesn't close until 31 October 2008? If you do not respond to one letter, International Payment Award Centre will send out others using the threat that your "account" will be placed in the "prize ineligibility file".

Be aware that there will be variations to the International Payment Award Centre scam letters.

EVENT: We will be having a Sausage Sizzle at Best Friends Pet SuperCentre Tweed Heads South on **27th April 2013**.

A special thank you to David Carter and the team at Best Friends Pet SuperCentre for everything they do for our community and our furred, feathered and scaled friends.

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