

Emergency 000

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

Tweed Heads

Police Station

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

50 Recreation St
Tweed Heads 2485

07 5536 0999

Crime Stoppers

(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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TweedHeadsWestNHW](https://on.fb.me/TweedHeadsWestNHW))



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Next Community Meeting

Tuesday 26 August 2014

7:00pm at **SEAGULLS CLUB** in The Pelican (darts) room

Be Scam Aware

Frauds and scams are on the increase and we would like to remind you to be careful out there.

Whether it's via the telephone, the internet or the old fashioned post these scammers will try anything to get your hard earned money.

Some of the recent scams have involved telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Australian Tax Office (ATO), Microsoft Internet Security, banks and even airlines.

You might be told the Tax Office has money for you, your computer has a virus or that you're entitled to some form of refund or free travel. Please don't believe them and **never, never, never** give them any personal details, banking details or send them any money. Many scammers will attempt to have you send money by wire transfer.

For more information please visit www.ScamWatch.gov.au and check the website on a regular basis for the latest scam methods.

And tell your family, friends and neighbours. Knowing what to look for assists everyone.

Letterbox Security

We are urging residents to make their letterboxes more secure. Unfortunately there has been a spike in mail theft over the last two weeks across the state. Unknown persons have gained access to a large quantity of mailboxes and stolen their contents.

Tips on securing your mailbox:

- Ensure you have a sturdy lock on your letterbox
- Ensure your letter box is large enough to accept and hold mail in the quantity and size appropriate to you
- Clear your mailbox at least once daily
- If you will be away for a period of time, have your mail held at the post office or have someone you trust collect your mail
- If you notice the volume of mail dropping substantially, check with the Post Office to ensure no other person has filed a change of address form in your name

Identity theft is a real possibility, do not throw away documents containing personal information in the general bin. Rates, notices, bills, letters. Credit card statements can all be used to create a fake identity. Someone could use your details to create accounts or loan applications.

Tips on minimising the risk of identity theft:

- Shred all unneeded documents, don't just throw them away
- Search your car and remove any personal documents
- Separate unnecessary cards and identification from your wallet
- Speak to someone if you suspect any identity theft

**KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR ANY
SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR AND
REPORT TO YOUR LOCAL
POLICE.**



Seagulls Community Support Squad

seagulls now has their own community group with a mission to support our local community.
For more information please contact Cathy Forbes on 07 5587 9000.

www.seagullsclub.com.au



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Coordinator Report

While there is a noticeable decrease in the number of reported assaults it must be brought to everyone's attention that there is a increase in the number of theft of and from motor vehicles. We remind everyone to lock their vehicles even if you're away from your vehicle of a few minutes. We can't, and won't, repeat this enough.

Your home and vehicles are only as secure as you want them to be.

Lock it or you will eventually Lose it...

Reported Crime Statistics for April 2014 to June 2014

The numbers:

Assault: 14 incidents over the period.

Break and Enter: 5 incidents over the period.

Stolen Vehicles: 4 incidents over the period.

Stealing: 12 incidents over the period.

Malicious Damage: 17 incidents over the period.

The only way to reduce crime in the community is by being an essential part of the solution.

See it. Report it.

Mark Your Calendar! Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Coming to Tweed Heads

On Wednesday 22 October 2014 Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (www.nhwa.com.au) will be holding an Education and Information Day at Tweed Heads.

The event will be held at Tweed Heads Bowls Club.

This is of huge benefit to our community and important personal safety and home security information sessions will be held on the day. Not to be missed!

Final details regarding the itinary programme are underway and we'll keep you updated with details as they become available.

Follow our Facebook page or visit the Tweed Valley Neighbourhood Watch Inc website www.TweedNeighbourhoodWatch.org.au for updates on this and other events in and around the area.

Red Hot Seagulls Community Support Squad

Seagulls has formed their very own community group, aptly named the Seagulls Community Support Squad. Clad in striking red polo shirts, the squad of like-minded locals have banded together in their own free time with a mission to support our local community, wherever it is most needed.

The Seagulls Community Support Squad's first project successfully raised \$1,000 for the Give Me 5 for Kids Appeal Children's Ward at the Tweed Hospital. The squad proudly presented the hospital's Children's Ward with a cheque on Tuesday 8th July (as pictured).

Their second project, the Winter Wishes Appeal is in full swing. The squad has been collecting everyday items like clothing, toiletries and bedding which will be presented later this month to local charity "You Have a Friend" who support local men, women and children in need.

"Our first two projects have been a great success thanks to the generosity and support from Seagulls, its members and guests", says Cathy Forbes, a member of the squad.

If your local organisation or charity needs assistance, please get in touch with the Seagulls Community Support Squad by contacting Cathy Forbes at Seagulls on **07 5587 9000**



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