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Important phone numbers

**Police, Fire, Ambulance
000
In an emergency**

**Police Assistance Line
131 444
For non emergencies**

**Crime Stoppers
1800 333 000
Report criminal information**

Kingscliff Police Station: 02 6674 9399

If the station is unattended the call is redirected to the Tweed Heads Police station.



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Communities**

**Pottsville Beach
Neighbourhood Watch**

**AREA 11 GROUP of TWEED VALLEY
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH INC.**

Email: pottsvillebeach.nhw@outlook.com

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WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PARCEL DELIVERY SCAMS.



Scammers are sending emails pretending to be from Australia Post or FedEx, to try and trick you into believing you have an 'undeliverable package'. In some cases, these emails may include your name and address and include legitimate-looking company information, complete with fake logos. The email may threaten to charge you a fee for holding your 'undelivered item', and will ask you to open an attachment, click a link or download a file to retrieve your parcel. If you follow these instructions, you will likely download a ransomware virus that locks your computer.

To unlock your computer, scammers demand payment in the form of bitcoins (a form of online currency) or wire transfer. Even if you pay the fee, there is no guarantee that you will be able to access your computer again.

Australia Post will never call you out of the blue to request payment or send you an email asking you to click on an attachment.

If you receive an email about an undeliverable package, don't open any attachments or download files – delete it straight away!



Neighbourhood Watch Meetings:
February, May, August, November
1st Thursday of the month
Time: 3pm – 4pm
Where: Reef Room, Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre, Elizabeth St. Pottsville.
New members are welcome.

Websites:-

www.tweedneighbourhoodwatch.org

www.facebook.com/TweedByronLAC

Email:

pottsvillebeach.nhw@outlook.com

Incident Data for October, November, December 2016. Pottsville & Hastings Point.

Assaults: 9

Break and Enter: 6

Fraud: 7

Located Vehicle: 1

Malicious Damage: 7

Stealing: 25

Stolen Vehicle: 6



SOFT BREAK AND ENTER – LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Recently, when speaking with our local Crime Prevention Officer, he explained that *SOFT BREAK AND ENTER* means a thief entering a home without forced entry. This comes about by household residents not securing their home correctly, leaving garage doors open, not securing the door from the garage to the house interior or otherwise leaving an entry point for criminals to enter by.

You would have often heard the Police and NHW Volunteers use the expression **LOCK IT OR LOSE IT**. While this tends to apply to vehicle security it's just as relevant (or more so) to your own home. This is not a slogan we take lightly and neither should householders; even when at home.

Residents, when home day or night, should secure their home. Make sure when you are in the backyard to ensure front of house is secured, that windows & doors are all locked, **EVEN ON HOT DAYS**. If you don't have security screens fitted to your windows or doors then we strongly suggest inquiring into obtaining some.

Practise good home security for your peace of mind and those in your household. Don't let your neighbourhood become known as a soft target area