



Neighbourhood Watch

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May, June & July 2022



Kureelpa, Dulong & Mapleton Newsletter.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10 May 7:00pm - Kureelpa and Dulong Community Hall

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is an internationally well-recognised and established brand within the community and has a very strong and committed volunteer base. It is a community-driven program delivered by community members in partnership with the Police. The objective of Neighbourhood Watch is to encourage community members to work together to establish local partnerships with the goal of reducing crime and improving the safety of all people who live, visit and do business in our neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Watch - Area Coordinator's Message.

There is arguably no greater responsibility we have as a society than to protect and develop our children. Children are literally our future. The decency and advancement of our community rests upon the foundation of well adjusted, maturing children.

Tragically, childhood is sometimes scarred from neglect or abuse. For healthy development, children require love and support, guidance and good example. A lack of those positive childhood experiences can lead to anxiety and antisocial behaviour. Even short-lived abuse can result in a lifetime of ongoing trauma and psychological damage.

'It takes a village to raise a child' is a well known African proverb. Parents, guardians and the schooling system are primarily responsible for raising children. Nonetheless, the entire community interacts with those children and helps to provide a safe and healthy environment in which to prosper and grow. We are all responsible for ensuring a positive experience for local youths.

Our next meeting of the Kureelpa-Dulong-Mapleton Neighbourhood Watch will take place from 7pm on Tuesday the 10th of May. A speaker from "Act for Kids" has been invited to address the meeting and take your questions. I hope you can make it to this important event.

Jack Foley (Area Coordinator)

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Police Report

The following are the crime statistics for the Kureelpa-Dulong-Mapleton Neighbourhood Watch area from the 1st of January to 15th of April:

- 1 x Assault (Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm)
- 1 x Drug Offence
- 1 x Drug Driving
- 1 x Break and Enter
- 1 x Missing Person
- 1 x Stealing
- 4 x Fuel Drive Offs
- 2 x Dangerous Driving (Hooning)
- 4 x Traffic Crashes (2 fail to stop, 1 no injury, 1 injury)
- 1 x Dangerous Operation of a Vehicle

Andrew SIMPSON
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Nambour Police Station

Help Police By Giving A Good Description

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist Police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or acting suspiciously.

What should I do?

If you witness anyone committing a crime or observe suspicious behaviours, write down what you see as soon as possible. Keep a record of the date and time of your observations as this can be important if you are required to give a statement to police.

If you see a crime being committed, follow these steps:

- When safe to do so, contact police on 000;
- Keep calm and give your name, address and phone number;
- Report what is happening and where;
- Stay on the phone;
- If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening.

Describing a person

When giving a description, it is important to try to build a complete picture of the person from head to toe.

Take note of the following features:

- Gender and age group;
- Body frame size;- Haircut and colour;
- Clothing;
- Any distinguishing features such as scars, tattoos or glasses.

Describing a vehicle

If a vehicle is being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour, it is important to take note of the following:

- Vehicle registration;
- Colour;
- Make and model;
- Any damage or rust;
- Any distinguishing signs or text;
- The direction of travel for the vehicle.

And remember - If a crime is happening now, call 000



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National Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 20 May 2022

Now in its 23rd year, National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Parents and Carers are encouraged to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. Children up to 10 years old should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

It is suggested that parents and carers who have to drive: - to park the car at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

The event is sponsored by the Australian, Qld and Local Governments.

<https://walk.com.au>



Vehicle security tips

Most vehicle thefts are opportunistic, and there are quite a number of steps you can take to reduce the risk of your vehicle being stolen.

- **Always lock your vehicle**, including the boot and sunroof, and **fully close all windows**;
- **Always keep your keys out of sight** and **never leave vehicle keys lying around** on tables, benches, bedside tables or key hooks;
- **Remove keys from the ignition and lock your vehicle if your vehicle is parked or unattended**, even if it's only for a minute;
- **Never hide spare keys on or in the vehicle** – thieves know where to look;
- **Remove all valuables and personal items** when leaving your car unattended, or otherwise ensure valuables are out of sight;
- **Always take your vehicle keys with you** whenever you are going out, even if you are leaving your vehicle at home.

SO, MAKE GOOD VEHICLE AND KEY SECURITY A HABIT TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE.

Motorcycles

The smaller size and weight of motorcycles allows them to be physically picked up and loaded onto/into another vehicle, making them an easy target for theft. The recovery rate of stolen motorcycles is very low and most instances of motorcycle theft are also opportunistic. Some simple steps to reduce the risk of theft are:

- **Keep your keys on you** at all times;
- **Use the handlebar/fork lock**;
- **Remove the key from the ignition** when your motorcycle is parked;
- Consider applying a **disc lock with an audible alarm**;
- **Store your motorcycle in a secure location**;
- **Put a cover on your motorcycle** and consider securing your motorcycle to a fixed point that can't be moved.

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Established in 1988, we have helped over 170,000 children, young people and families at our 30 centres across Australia.

Through advocacy, research, education and targeted supports we...

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family and child connect

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Act for Kids provides the Family and Child Connect (FaCC) program on the Sunshine Coast and Gympie. Family and Child Connect is a non-government, free service, that assists families by listening to their stories to understand what is happening for them and provide information and suggestions regarding possible supports.

Worried about someone?

If you are worried about someone, you can help them get the support they need.

One of the best ways you can help is by starting a conversation — it might be the first step in getting them the help they need. Talk to them and encourage them to contact Family and Child Connect to get some advice and support for their situation. I



You are invited to hear our guest speaker Britt Sherwell from “Act for Kids” at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Tues May 10th at 7 pm (Kureelpa and Dulong Community Hall). Britt will also be conducting a Question and Answer session.

Fatality Free Friday 27th May 2022

There were 1,195 people who tragically lost their lives on Australian roads last year. Road trauma is the biggest killer of Australian children aged between 1 and 14.

The social, economic and emotional costs are immense, and are poised to increase unless something is done, now.

Road Safety is a community issue and it's up to all of us to minimise the risk of crashes and to save lives.

Since its inception in 2007, the Fatality Free Friday campaign has continued to expand its operation and is now recognised as Australia's largest national community-based road safety program.

The Fatality Free Friday initiative is about much more than just a single day - **Friday 27 May 2022**.

It operates on the belief that if we can go one day without a death on the road, we can demonstrate the impact a focus on road safety can have every day of the year.

You are encouraged to be the change you want to see on the road, take the pledge to Choose Road Safety by promising to:

- Always be fit to drive;
- Stay focused on the road;
- Scan the road ahead;
- Keep a safe distance;
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Fatality Free Friday is an initiative of **Australian Road Safety Foundation**. More information is available at <https://arsf.com.au>, and you can take the pledge on that website.

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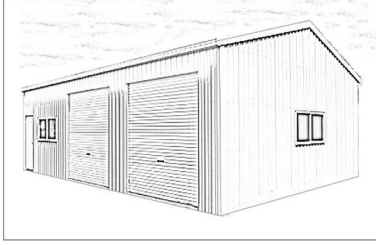
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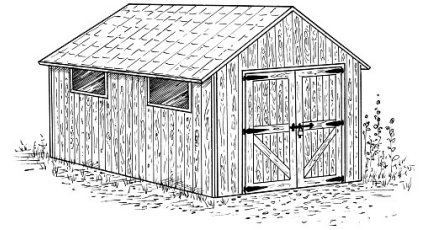
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Kureelpa and Dulong Community Hall

Our community hall, situated at the corner of Jewett Road and Mapleton/Nambour Road, has continued to provide a place for locals to gather for many reasons.

It has been very exciting to see the use of the community hall by the Crop Swap Group. With any surplus items from garden, be it from food or ornamental, crop swapping is fun. More importantly, it is an opportunity for people to meet up and chat. Next Crop Swap is **May 7th**. Start potting up surplus plants and planning your swap items now.

Next Mapleton Community Choir Recital: 'SONGS OF AMERICA' **Friday 27th May at 7 pm** or **Sunday 29th May at 2:30 pm**. \$20 entry and tickets can be purchased by phoning Ailsa 07 54 786079

On the 21st May the Community Hall will be a Polling Booth for the Federal Election. If you would like to hold a sausage sizzle or cake stall on this day, you may contact our committee.

Please phone: 0422576389 or 0403336589 to ask for details or Email: kureelpahall@gmail.com.

Mapleton Hall and Sportsground

Permanent bookings :—

Monday

Barre and Fitness from 5.15 pm

Tuesday

Chimes 10am

Pre-Junior Ballet and Dance from 3.30pm

Junior Soccer (also Thursday) from 3.30 pm

Pilates 6.15 pm

Wednesday

Mindful Slow Flow Yoga 8.45am

Junior Ballet and Dance from 4pm

Monthly:

"Singing Circles" 3rd Sunday (afternoon)

Mapleton Markets 4th Saturday 8-12pm

Thursday

Precision Yoga 9am

Range Youth Choir 3.30pm

Tap 5.15pm

Dance Fitness 6pm

Friday

Buff Bones Pilates 8.30am

Kindy Ballet 9.15am

Kindy Acrobatics 9.45am

Sunday

Fusion 7am

Yoga 8am

Yoga retreat — May 22nd 10.30am

Kate — kaatetempest@outlook.com

Meditation & Crystal Ball Healing - June 19th 6pm

Elena

For hall bookings contact **Lindsey Wareham 07 5445 7253** website: www.mapletonhall.org

Hall improvements and maintenance -

1. Solar Panels have been installed. We are grateful to our Fairfax M.P. Mr. Ted O'Brien for offering this grant to Mapleton Hall.

2. The S.C.R.C. Grants Programme has provided grant funding to enable some of the Hall's exterior walls & window painting. Rain has delayed this work until May. Thank you to Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

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Kureelipa and Mapleton

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Fire Wardens and First Officers.

Dulong Warden (Don McIntyre) 5441 2538

Kureelipa Warden (Garrie Scott) 5476 0281

Kureelipa First Officer (Steve De Vere) 0408 710 156

Mapleton Warden and 1st Officer (Geoff Noble) 0499 778 806



Who do you call?

Call 000 if:

- The crime is happening now.
- When your life or property is in immediate danger
- When the event is time critical, for example a fire that concerns you.

PoliceLink 131 444

Call this number if the crime is not happening now, is not life threatening or there is no likelihood of the suspected offender still being in the area. Used for non-urgent reporting and enquiries.

CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

This is a community program that helps people to provide anonymous information about criminal activity.