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February, March and April 2023



Kureelipa, Dulong & Mapleton Newsletter.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 14 February 7:00pm - Kureelipa 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.

At our last General Meeting in November, we discussed possibly closing the Kureelipa-Dulong-Mapleton Neighbourhood Watch and merging into a greater Nambour & Hinterland NHW organisation. Communication would be primarily via Facebook, making it quick and convenient for most users. A similar model has been very successful elsewhere in QLD.

Your KDM NHW Committee and most people we have spoken with agree that moving to a Nambour District Facebook Neighbourhood Watch group is best. At the coming meeting, we plan to close the Kureelipa-Dulong-Mapleton NHW and donate any remaining funds to a suitable group.

Thank you to the current committee members: Dan, Suzi, Shane, Rosemarie, Annie and Joy for your ongoing contribution and friendship. Thank you very much also to all the people who distributed the paper newsletter. Plus, thanks to all of you who have in some way involved yourself with NHW over the years.

The FINAL General Meeting of the Kureelipa-Dulong-Mapleton Neighbourhood Watch will take place from 7pm on Tuesday the 14th of February. If you have anything to say, this is your last chance. I hope to see you there.

Jack Foley

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School zone crackdown: New speed cameras to be moved around

By Matty Holdsworth, Courier Mail 22 January

Speed cameras fixed inside school zone signs at the most “high risk” Queensland schools were activated from Monday 23 January, as tens of thousands of students returned to the classroom.

The cameras will be regularly moved around to catch drivers out in different locations.

The crackdown comes after shocking statistics showed more than 50,000 motorists were issued with speeding infringements in school zones across the past four years.

Of the notices, which were collated from January 2019 to September 2022, 46 were for speeds of more than 40km/h above the limit.

Transport Minister Mark Bailey said the schools were selected on a risk basis, part of a world-first pilot designed to protect students during their commute.

Mr Bailey said the cameras would only be operational during the school zone hours, typically from 7-9am and 2-4pm on weekdays.

He said the technology would target speeding drivers to keep “unpredictable, vulnerable” children, parents, teachers and staff safe.

“The fines will be hefty, painful and you’ll deserve it,” Mr Bailey said.

“I don’t want to see someone’s child badly injured or killed on their way to school just because of the recklessness of a speeding driver”.

Greenbank State School will be among the locations to have the cameras on Monday.

“Regional Queensland will have them as well, multiple units across the state. They will be regularly moved around,” Mr Bailey said.

Education Minister Grace Grace said the cameras would be rotated across prioritised high-risk school zones statewide during the pilot program..

Ms Grace said drivers continued to ignore the message and that speeding continued to be a major contributor to serious crashes. “We all have a responsibility to drive safely and slow down when children are around,” Ms Grace said.

The RACQ’s Joshua Cooney said the body was concerned too many motorists did not take school zone speed limits seriously.

“Our latest Road Safety Survey showed that despite almost 90 per cent of Queenslanders driving their kids to school, half admitted to speeding in a school zone. It’s simply not good enough,” Mr Cooney said.

“School zone speed limits are not optional and they need to be enforced to keep our kids safe.”



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Effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has been in operation in Australia since 1983, with a primary focus on reducing burglary, but its effectiveness has been questioned by both Australian and overseas research. Unfortunately there has been no **recent**, formal, evidence-based evaluations of NHW schemes in Australia.

A comprehensive review performed in 2005 by Dr Jenny Fleming (ANU) on behalf of the Australian Institute of Criminology, revealed NHW had limited value in combating burglary, leading to only modest decreases in middle-class areas where crime rates are already low, or having a displacement effect i.e. changing the pattern of burglaries from residential burglaries to other type of crimes. An assessment of a Seattle NHW program in 1986 by US Dept of Justice concluded that burglary was reduced, however only for an 18-month period.

A further review by the Australian Institute of Criminology in Victoria in 2007 concluded that the strengths of NHW included a high level of community respect, support and recognition, and its role in fostering a community sense of security, safety and wellbeing. It recommended broadening NHW aims to include problem areas of graffiti, wilful criminal damage and "hoon" driving. Utilisation of new technologies including digital photography, email newsletters and security surveillance was also recommended.

Property Identification

Marking and recording property helps to deter theft and provides proof of ownership of your valuables.

What you can do:

- Consider engraving your belongings, however seek advice before using an engraver as not all items are suitable for engraving.

- Consider marking your property with a unique personal code in the top right hand corner of the item or near to the manufacturer's serial number.

- Use identification (ID) warning stickers on personal property, windows and doors to deter potential offenders.

- Keep photographic records of your property which cannot be engraved, such as jewellery, art, collectables, silverware and stamp and coin collections. Use a ruler or matchbox beside the object when taking a photo to help determine size.

- Keep a list of all serial numbers and specific features of your personal property with a personal inventory list. Keep the list and any valuation certificates in a safe place in the event of any insurance claims.

Property you should identify:

- Inside your home: Televisions, Audio and stereo equipment, Computers/laptops/printers, Cameras, Musical equipment, Sporting goods, Clocks.

- Outside your home: Bicycles, Power tools, Trailers, Garden tools, Welders, Tool boxes, Chainsaws, Lawn mowers/garden edge trimmers.

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Kureelpa and Dulong Hall
Jewett Rd, Kureelpa

THURS 9 FEBRUARY

7 PM

Div 10 Cr David Law and Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton
attending

All concerned local residents and community members are
warmly welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more details
and have your questions answered

Mapleton Hall and Sportsground



FREE



Lions' Outdoor Movie Night

When? Friday 17 February, Mapleton Sports Ground.
If it rains again? We'll also have a smaller screen so
we can move into the Hall.

Food and drinks will be on sale, but you may choose
to bring your own.

Bring a folding chair and warm clothes.

For hall bookings contact **Lindsey Wareham** 07 5445 7253

See website for other upcoming events: www.mapletonhall.org.

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Kureelipa and Mapleton

Rural Fire Brigades



For fire safety in your area: www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

The Mapleton and Kureelipa brigades are seeking volunteer fire-fighters. Training and personal protective equipment is provided. Contact the First Officers for more information.

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.