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East Metro Crime Prevention Unit

Crime Prevention Bulletin



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Keeping You Updated on Beating Crime.....

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The best way to target crime is prevention.....at the East Metro Crime Prevention Unit we aim to keep you informed of what you can do to combat crime in your area by providing as much information as possible. We hope to increase you awareness of suspicious behaviour, crime trends in your area and continue to encourage you to **watch, report and lock up.**

This format allows the crime prevention bulletins to get to you in a timely manner, with current information.

If you have any information you would like to be included, please contact us via the options on the last page.

In addition, do not forget...if you see *ANYTHING* suspicious contact **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000.**

Midnight Basketball Update.....



The Midnight Basketball tournament has got off to a flying start with over 90 players registered so far. The kids are having a great time and some real sporting talent is shining through.

Some of the workshops so far have covered topics such as respect, communication skills, teamwork and we have also been lucky to have Brad Robbins, and Paul Rogers from the Wildcats attend to run basketball skill sessions.

The games are played on Saturday nights at the Swan Park Leisure Centre, starting at 7.30pm with dinner for the players and supporters.

We are now at the half way mark of the tournament, which is one of the most successful tournaments run Australia wide.

The main reasons it is such a great success is due to the strong commitment we have had from our wonderful volunteers and the constant support from People Who Care, PCYC and the City of Swan.



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Burglary Watch.....

The suburbs targeted in the last few days are **Midvale**, **Swanview** and **Midland**.

Offenders are mainly stealing laptops, cameras, and money. So even before you go out or go to bed, please store these items in a safe, out of sight location. Also remember to lock all doors and windows.

Other items of interest for offenders again are trail bikes and alcohol. If you own trail

bikes, scooters etc, please make sure they are safely stored and any keys are kept in another location.

Keep a look out for unusual cars or people in your street. Record any details you can and give the information to Crime Stoppers or Police 131 444. Remember we need to look after each other and make it as hard as possible for offenders to get into your home.

Crime Update.....

The stealing of motor vehicles is becoming a very common occurrence due to offenders breaking into homes and stealing the car keys. The **Forrestfield** area has had a number of vehicles stolen in the last week.

Midland has been targeted by graffiti offenders with a number of 'tags' listed in the section on "Graffiti".

A large number of vehicles have been damaged in the **Ballajura** area, with offenders smashing windscreens and windows. Keep watch for suspicious persons and make sure your car is parked in 'safe' areas.

Other area of interest is **Gidgegannup** with a few burglaries and stealing's.

Neighbourhood Watch.....

Neighbourhood Watch has been reinvigorated within the East Metro District due to the tireless efforts of Ernie and Sharon Kerrison.

Originally, the focus was just on their suburb of Lockridge after become frustrated with the amount of criminal activity. Now Ernie, Sharon and a number of other enthusiastic residents, have signed up people in Beechboro, Stratton, Kiara, Gidgegannup, and many of the surrounding suburbs.

As A result, the number of offences has reduced dramatically in the Lockridge area, reinforcing the positive benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch program.

A number of businesses and shopping centres are also engaging in the program. The more people keeping an eye on things the safer we all will be.

If you would like to become part of Neighbourhood Watch in your suburb, please contact us on 9250 4199.

Graffiti.....

Help us target graffiti by providing information about graffiti offenders. One such resident did in Ballajura, when he noticed a person 'tagging' park equipment. The resident photographed the offender and called police. As a result the offender was charged.

It is difficult for police to catch graffiti offenders after they have left the scene, so this is where everyone can help. Parents should monitor their children's backpacks, books etc for excessive 'tagging' and if they notice any paint etc on clothes, hands.

Graffiti often leads youth into other offences such as stealing, trespass and violent crimes.

If you have any information about these tags in the Midland area, please call either "Goodbye Graffiti" 1800 442255 or contact us on the numbers below.

"AWWE" "AWVE" or



"gek" "BER\$K"

Goodbye Graffiti
\$1000 Rewards

If you provide information which leads to the arrest or caution of a graffiti offender, you could be rewarded up to \$1000.

Contact the
Goodbye Graffiti hotline:
1800 44 22 55

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East Metro Crime Prevention Unit

The East Metro Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to working with the community to prevent crime. This is achieved by providing intervention programs for target groups when areas of concern are identified, increasing awareness with personal safety advice, patrolling of "hotspots" and assisting with community needs.

The East Metro Crime Prevention Unit is producing this bulletin as an initiative to "bring the community together" in a collective approach to encourage all residents, businesses and groups to work jointly in crime prevention.

There are many groups and individuals doing great things within the local area, however many work in isolation or address only certain aspects of a situation. We all have a common purpose, which is to provide a safe environment for all, and if we achieve our aim to bring everybody together the positive outcomes will be enormous.

If you would like to contribute to this bulletin, or provide details of the services/programs in which you may be involved please contact us.

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