



THE CRIME BULLETIN

North Brisbane District



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Welcome to the 5th edition of the North Brisbane District Crime Bulletin.

The crime bulletin focuses on promoting community awareness of crime issues, community safety, and crime prevention initiatives.

This month's bulletin will highlight all things **Seniors**.

Please forward this e-mail to friends, neighbours and business associates.

POLICE ROUNDUP

Armed Robbery Offender Charged with numerous offences

On 23/7/09 a man was extradited from Victoria to Queensland in relation to numerous alleged armed robbery offences committed between 20/5/09 and 16/7/09. In that time period he allegedly committed armed robbery offences using a Stanley knife, or similar, at Hendra and Ascot as well as numerous suburbs in Brisbane's south and Bayside areas. The man has been charged with a total of 19 armed robbery offences.





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District Crime Overview

1.7.09 -31.7.09

Property Targeted

Burglaries

**Jewellery, wallets/
handbags, purses, mobile
phones, digital cameras,
iPODS, laptops**

Premises/Shop Breaks

**Power tools, cash,
prescription drugs,
foodstuffs/groceries**

Attempted armed robbery, Banyo

Police are searching for three men who attempted to rob a Banyo bowls club on the 2nd July. Around 11pm two men, one armed with a firearm and the other with a hammer, entered the Froude Street club and demanded cash from two female employees. The women fled to a bar area and activated an audible alarm. A third unarmed man has then entered the club and the three men fled empty handed. The man carrying the firearm was wearing a white jumper, grey pants and white sneakers. The second man was wearing a white jacket with black sleeves and black pants with white stripes. The third man was wearing dark clothing with white stripes down the side. (From morning round up 2nd edition July 3)

CCTV footage obtained and still photos below depict two of the three suspects.

Suspect 1



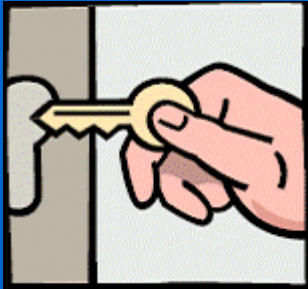
Suspect 2



Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Residents are in the best position to assist Police in the prevention of residential break and enters by always taking appropriate security precautions.



Entry methods

Most premises breaks - entry gained by smashing glass windows/doors. Restaurants and hair salons targeted in Hendra Division.



Crime and Older People

Myth and reality

The myth

Older people are more likely to be victims of crime than any other age group.

The reality

Contrary to common belief, seniors are relatively safe compared to other age groups. Young people are more likely to be victims of crime than other members of the community, and seniors are the least likely age group to be victimised.

The lifestyle of seniors helps make their lives safer – they are less likely to go out at night, tend to spend more time at home, and are generally wiser and more likely to take precautions.

However, emotive statements by public figures and the media's tendency to highlight offences against older people can result in a disproportionate fear of crime amongst seniors.

This unnecessary fear can lead to lack of confidence about going out alone, whether it's on public transport or walking in the neighbourhood. It can also result in a decrease in quality of life, deterioration in health and social isolation.

People who are actively involved in their communities, however, tend to be more confident about their safety, have less fear of crime and live longer.



Hotspots

*Hamilton & Clayfield –
overnight/night time
burglaries*

*Banyo & Nundah –
shopping areas for
overnight breaks –
businesses targeted
mainly for cash*

*Daytime offences in the
vicinity of bike
paths/parks,walkways –
Gordon Park,Lutwyche
and Downey Park areas.*

Peak Days for Offences

Burglaries

Friday, Saturday,Monday

Premises/Shop Breaks

Wednesday,Thursday

SENIORS WEEK

This year, Seniors Week will be held from **15 - 23 August** and the theme is *Positively Ageless*.

To celebrate the valuable contribution of seniors, community events will be held across the state including concerts, stalls, displays, art exhibitions, excursions, lunches, expos and workshops.

The Queensland Government supports Seniors Week celebrations to promote positive attitudes towards older people and ageing, encourage older people to lead active lifestyles, and to foster inter-generational relationships.

Seniors Week Events

Community events will be held **across the state** during Seniors Week. Check out **this year's events** and **add your event** by registering online.

Resources

A range of resources are available to help community groups organise and promote local events during Seniors Week.

Contacts



Motor Vehicles

Property Targeted

Unlawful Entry M/Vehicle

**Wallets, purses,
handbags, clothing,
sunglasses power tools,
mobile phones, IPODS,
GPS**

Unlawful Use M/Vehicle

Main vehicles targeted

**Late 90's/early 2000
model Holden
Commodores, Ford
Falcons and Toyota
Corollas**

Peak days for offences

Unlawful Use M/Vehicle

**Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday**

Unlawful Entry M/Vehicle

Monday/Thursday

Entry Methods

**Bracken Ridge – Steal
from motor vehicles and
unlawful use motor
vehicles offences –
overnight offences. A
number of vessels (trailer
boats) targeted for UEMV
offences.**

**Vehicles targeted for
UEMV offences largely
registration plates only
taken from major
shopping centres within
District**

Security for Seniors

Seniors like everyone else have the right to feel safe at all times.

Research shows that those who appear confident and take security precautions are less likely to be victims of crime.

Below are some suggestions in which seniors can increase their feeling of confidence in their own security by reducing the opportunities for crime.

At Home

Improve your physical security at home. Doors, locks, grilles etc are your first line of defence. Your home should be clearly visible to the street, neighbours and passers-by. Bushes and trees that obstruct a clear view of windows or doors provide perfect cover for intruders.

A good quality security door on all your external doors helps with ventilation and is a barrier for unknown callers and offenders.

External doors should be of solid-core construction and fitted with deadlocks. When going out, certain deadlocks can be locked in such a way that they can only be unlocked with a key from either side. This prevents burglars getting into your home and being able to open the door to remove your property. When at home you can lock your deadlock so that it needs a key to open it from the outside, but can be opened with a lever or knob from the inside.

A door viewer (peephole) gives you a wide-angle view of the person on the other side of the door. Remember, do not open the door to a stranger no matter how urgent it sounds. **CHECK FIRST** and ask for identification before opening the door. If someone is seeking help, leave the person outside while you make the emergency call.

Have quality keyed locks on all windows, unless the windows are grilled. Have all locks "keyed alike" so that one key will open all doors and one key opens all windows. Install security grilles on windows and doors you wish to open for ventilation, but have one or two windows grilles hinged so you can exit in case of emergency.

Do not hide keys under flower pots or door mats. Don't give keys to anyone you do not know – including tradespersons.

Wheelie bins should be locked away or chained to posts away from windows.

Identify your property by marking with engraver or micro dots.



Stolen vehicles currently still outstanding

93 Corolla Blue 261JGI

93 Landcruiser White 509 ERE

09 Hi Lux Ute Grey 721 LUC

82 Corolla Brown 816 IGR

98 Excel White 778 EMK

87 Excel Green 560 ENX

03 C'dore Silver 510 VY

70 HT Ute Green 007 KKI

98 C'dore White 628 ETI

08 Falcon Ute Grey 812 LJA

89 Laser White 438 DSL

02 Focus Blue 556 JPG

01 Xsara Black 644 GMV



For more information on motor vehicle security please click on the above icon

Make use of the Queensland Police Service Property Tracing System. Marked property is a deterrent against theft.

When using Public Transport

At night, wait in well-lit area and near other people if possible. Check timetables beforehand to avoid long waits.

When travelling on buses or trains sit where you can be seen by the driver or guard.

When Shopping

Consider the following and **DO NOT**:

- carry large amounts or money on you.
- carry signed withdrawal forms with your bank book or in your bag.
- leave handbags or personal items in your shopping trolley. Carry your money and credit cards separately from your bag. Consider the type of bag you use and how you should carry it in order to make it harder for the thief to take it from you. Use a small bag with a zip and hold it close to and in front of you.

Information sourced from QPS Security for Seniors Brochure

Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is any behaviour within a relationship of trust that harms an older person. It can happen to anyone, across all ethnic groups, all levels or education and all economic backgrounds. It is estimated that in Queensland about 25,000 older people are abused each year by someone they trust.

Types of abuse

- **Financial mistreatment** – illegal or improper use of a person's money or possessions.
- **Psychological mistreatment** – causing fear or shame, intimidating, humiliating or threatening.
- **Physical mistreatment** – inflicting pain or injury, e.g hitting, slapping, restraining or over-medicating.
- **Sexual mistreatment** – sexually harassing, assaulting or embarrassing.
- **Social mistreatment** – preventing a person from having social contact with family members or friends.



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crimlink.northbrisbane@police.qld.gov.au Do you have any information about any cases? You can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000



The Crime Bulletin is a joint initiative between the NHW program, Crime Stoppers, and the Queensland Police Service.

For more information about the NHW program in your area please visit www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/nhw/innhw



- **Neglect** – intentional or unintentional failure to provide necessities of life and care.

Why don't we hear more about it?

- It is only recently that elder abuse has been recognised.
- Those who suffer mistreatment are sometimes isolated.
- People might feel ashamed to admit that someone close to them is abusing them.
- Some people might blame themselves for what is happening to them.
- Older people might think that abuse does not happen to others.
- Some people might be afraid of what will happen to them if they tell others about their situation.
- Media stories about elder abuse might influence the way the community view older people.

What contributes to elder abuse?

- Attitudes towards older people by family members and others in the community.
- Increased isolation from others.
- Language and cultural barriers restricting what people know about services or access available to them.
- Family members feeling it's their duty to provide care to ageing parents and their refusal to accept outside help.
- Widening cultural gap between the generations in the family.
- A family member's financial dependence on the older person.
- An abuser's drug or alcohol dependency.
- An older person's dementia contributing to the carer's stress.



What can be done?

The use of services and community resources is everyone's right, not a charity. Many services assist older people to remain living at home and to retain a quality lifestyle.

There are organisations and groups that provide assistance to carers.

Participation of older people in social and educational activities might benefit the whole family and reduce stress, anger and conflict.

Talking it over with someone you trust e.g. your doctor.

Develop a network of people you trust and can talk to about anything

Living with the family is not always the best option and separation might improve relationships.

Not making decisions or signing papers without proper explanation or legal advice.

Calling police if you are in immediate physical danger.

When in need, request an accredited interpreter from a confidential service.

If you have been a victim of elder abuse, you can apply for a protection order at no cost from the Magistrates Court under the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989 to protect you against future violence or abuse.

Elder Abuse Prevention Unit

Ph 1300 651 192, provides a statewide confidential telephone information, support and referral service for anyone experiencing abuse or witnessing the abuse of an older person. Phone from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday for the cost of a local call.

Victims Counselling and Support Service

Ph 1300 139 703, provides a range of free support services to victims of crime and their families 24 hours a day

Crime Stoppers

Ph 1800 333 000, is a 24-hour telephone hotline from members of the public to provide anonymous information about criminal activity.

Seniors Enquiry Line

Ph 1300 135 500, provides information and referrals for seniors on a range of issue.

Office of the Adult Guardian

Ph 1300 653 187, helps people with impaired decision-making capacity by acting as their decision-maker in certain circumstances, being an advocate, and giving advice about decision-making on behalf of adults with impaired capacity. It also investigates allegations of physical and financial neglect or abuse.





DV Connect

Ph Women's Line 24 hrs 1800 811 811

Men's Line 9am-12midnight 1800 600 636

Is a Domestic Violence help line for men and women.

Information sourced from Confident, Safe & Secure Living in Qld a Handbook on Safety for Seniors

GOLD

GOLD (Growing Older and Living Dangerously), a Brisbane City Council Active and Healthy Lifestyle program, provides free or low-cost activities for residents 50 years and over.

Growing older doesn't mean you have to sit on the sidelines. Sign up for a GOLD activity and make some new friends.

Gold 'N' Kids

Council recognises the important role that grandparents play in most children's lives, so we've included Gold'n'Kids (look for the activities labelled GnK), for kids aged four years and over and their grandparents to enjoy together.

We value your wellbeing, so we deliver programs like GOLD to encourage you to be active and healthy, learn new skills and develop new interests.

Activities and bookings

Bookings are essential for most GOLD activities. You can only book into five activities every period. Find out more by:

- checking [What's On for Gold](#)
- phoning Council on 07 3403 8888
- picking up a timetable from [Council libraries](#), [Ward offices](#) and [Customer Service Centres](#)
- downloading the latest Gold What's On program brochures:

 [Gold What's On - August to November 2009 brochure](#)  (PDF - 230kb)

 [Gold What's On - May to July 2009 brochure](#)  (PDF - 123kb)



Thoroughly Modern Granny

I have a little Granny. She's really very old.
But also unconventional in a most unusual mould.
She doesn't wear her spectacles perched upon her nose
She's into contact lenses and varnishes her toes.
Unlike some other Grannies who are home before dark
She's dressed up in a track-suit and jogging in the park
And when I wish she'd sometimes stay and tuck me up in bed
She's off to study yoga and standing on her head.
Some Grannies sit in rocking chairs and crochet shawls indoors
My Granny jumps upon a horse and rides across the moors.
She goes on day trips with her gang – the over 50's club
They rocket around the countryside and end up in the pub.
And on the homeward journey like flock of singing birds
They harmonise old favourites with very naughty words
I love my little Granny. I think she's really great.
If that's what growing old is like, I simply cannot wait!

Sourced from State Newsletter Bribie Island 1 Newsletter

District NHW Meeting

Thank you to all NHW members that attended our District NHW Meeting on the 18th July at Aspley Hornets Football and Sporting Club.

The meeting was attended from groups across the District.

Guest speakers included Acting Sergeant Burgess from Community Safety Crime Prevention Branch, a representative from DS numbers, Senior Constable Wyatt from the District Intelligence Office and Senior Constable Blackmore from Taskforce Argos. Thank you to all our guest speakers for providing very informative presentations.

Thanks also to the members of our District NHW Committee for their assistance in formulating the District Meeting for 2009.

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That's it for this month.

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