

## Rural / Neighbourhood Watch Update - June 2009

In the North Gidgegannup area, May and June were a little quieter than previous months on the hoon and crime front, but there were still a number of worrying incidents.

One in particular, where a resident's mail was tampered with raised a red flag. An envelope advising details of a new quad bike had been opened and mail scattered around the front paddock. The property had a previous quad bike and LCD TV stolen in December last year and it looked like the thieves were monitoring the property waiting for a replacement. The incident was reported to Police.

Hoons, trail bike riders and 4 wheel drive intruders still remain active in and around the Paruna Sanctuary and surrounding properties. At least one registration number of hoons sliding out of Ewing Road has been reported to Police and the occupants of that vehicle were suspected of vandalising the Walunga Lookout car park before leaving in a hurry.

A very successful Neighbourhood / Rural Watch display was presented at the recent Small Farms Field Day. Ernie Kerrison, his wife Sharon and friend Mike came up from Lockridge with their comprehensive display and information package. Ernie and his friends have successfully reduced crime and associated problems in Lockridge to close to zero by door knocking and signing up nearly the whole neighbourhood. Quite an achievement. He is now working on surrounding suburbs and has recently been appointed to assist the State Coordinator of Neighbourhood Watch. Ernie and co very much enjoyed the day at the Gidge Showgrounds. Nice to see the sun shining this year with heaps of rain following soon after....

Many showbags with lots of good information, stickers and other warning signs were given out on the day. In excess of 70 participants from a range of areas were signed up and details forwarded to the Neighbourhood Watch database. Importantly for Gidgegannup, three Street Representatives were also signed up on the day and are interested in forming small groups with their neighbours to work together to prevent crime in their area's.

If you live in Gidgedales and are interested in participating in a Rural Watch Group, please contact Terry Potts on 9578 3449 or [sherrylandterry@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sherrylandterry@ozemail.com.au)

If you live in the North Eastern part of Gidge along Berry Road (East of Reserve Road) and are interested in being part of a similar group, please contact Morag or Martin Duley on 0438 373 836 or [equuslodge@equuslodgestud.com](mailto:equuslodge@equuslodgestud.com)

If you are interested in organising a small group of neighbours in your area and would like more information or resources please contact Peter Jensen on 0402 910 707 or [pjensen@activ8.net.au](mailto:pjensen@activ8.net.au)

Remember to keep you eyes open around your neighbourhood and keep a pen and notebook in you car when driving around. Don't trust your memory. If you see something suspicious, especially vehicles, write down a description and registration plate (if applicable), take a note of the time and report it to Police on 131 444 as soon as you can.

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