



# KUNUNURRA POLICE STATION

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## Police Report

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I would like to express my disappointment at the apathy of some community members who have failed to heed warnings from Police about home and personal security. There is a continued trend of burglary and theft from vehicles, where doors and windows are left unlocked and valuable property is left on display for the opportunistic thief to remove with ease. Again as mentioned in the May newsletter, I urge all community members to be security conscious at all times and ensure premises are secure and valuable items are locked away safely and out of view.

With your help we can prevent crimes from occurring.

Despite excellent clearance rates, and prosecution of offenders through the court system, these offences continue and the majority are opportunistic crimes that could have been prevented, had simple security measures taken place.

On a brighter note I would like to congratulate all those that attended the Kununurra Agricultural show for the excellent behaviour displayed over that weekend, the show was well patronised and there were minimal incidents of anti-social behaviour.

We have a busy few months ahead of us with the rodeo coming up and our planning is well under way for the upcoming East Kimberley Football League Grand Final and the Kununurra race round which will follow shortly after. I urge all patrons of these events to also plan ahead and ensure that if you are partaking of refreshments that a designated driver is selected or the provided bus services are utilized to get to and from these events. My staff will be monitoring traffic movement to and from the events and I can guarantee you that there will be random breath testing during this period. Our aim is that that everyone enjoys the social aspect of these events, but more importantly after the festivities they get home safely.

On a more personal note I would like to thank all those in the community and especially all the team at the Police station, who expressed their kind thoughts and condolences after the recent unexpected passing of my father. Your support is much appreciated, thank you.

Regards

**Senior Sergeant Graham Sears**  
**Officer in Charge**  
**KUNUNURRA POLICE STATION**



Want to help put the finger on crime  
and make it a better place?

Want to stay anonymous?  
**Call Crime Stoppers**





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## Spotlight on staff at Kununurra Station.



### Farewell to Constable Tim HOEY

1/C Constable Tim HOEY has been an officer at Kununurra Police Station since 2008. During his tenure in Kununurra he has been largely involved in inquiry work as a member of the Kununurra Investigation Team.

We thank him for his service to the community and wish him and his family all the very best for the future. Tim has transferred to Perth City as he has successfully secured a position as Detective Investigator. Good luck Tim!

**Police 131 444**  
Save 000 for emergencies

### Welcome to Sergeant Al McNEVIN

Sergeant Al McNEVIN joins the Kununurra Station after transferring in from Perth City Detectives Office. Al informs us that he's happy to be at another police station and back in police uniform. Welcome aboard Al.



### Welcome to Constable Trent LANGTHORN

Constable Trent LANGTHORN has transferred in from Perth where he was working at the Dignitary Protection Unit. Trent advises that he is excited about working in the Kimberley and has already hit the ground running.





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## Traffic News & Road Safety

A recent vehicle crash occurred south on the Duncan Road, approximately 60kms from the intersection of Victoria Highway, at 9.15am in the morning.

The driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle at the time of the crash and it appeared to have lost control after attempting to negotiate some tyre ruts on the unsealed road surface.

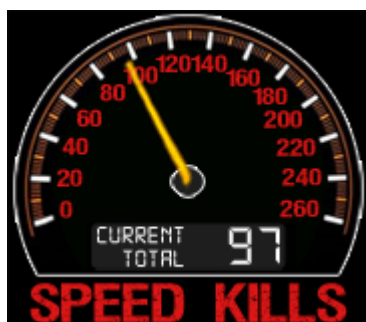
Upon driving into the ruts at an undetermined speed the vehicle moved around violently and the driver has made attempts to prevent the vehicle from running off the road into bush land. However this was unsuccessful, unable to regain control the vehicle, rolled over twice, coming to rest in an upright position in the middle of the road.



The driver climbed out through the front windscreen and received minor injuries including cuts and bruises and soreness to her neck. Kununurra Police attended and with SJA and was subsequently conveyed to the Kununurra District Hospital.

As of **1 October 2010**, only passengers that are sitting in a seat that is fitted with a seatbelt or child restraint fastened properly will be allowed to be carried in the vehicle. No additional unrestrained passengers will be allowed and passengers can not share the same seatbelt.

For more information visit [www.ors.wa.gov.au](http://www.ors.wa.gov.au)



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## Driver Distraction Campaign – 2010

It has been estimated that driver distraction played a role in 32 percent of all road crash deaths and serious injuries in Western Australia between 2005 and 2007.



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## 3 Vehicle Crash on Diversion Dam Bridge.



At about 7:15am on Friday the 16th of July 2010 on the eastern approach to the Diversion Dam the driver of a Landcruiser into the 60 kilometres/ hour speed zone well in excess of the limit. The vehicle with four occupants has continued towards the red traffic control signal and signs controlling the works currently in progress on the dam.

At the red control signal a green Merlo tractor and a Silver Toyota Rav 4 motor vehicle were parked in line waiting for the signal to change. The driver continued at an excessive speed towards these vehicles and has collided his vehicle into the rear of the Toyota Rav 4, this has caused the Rav 4 to collide into the rear of the Merlo tractor.

The 77 year old driver of the Rav 4 received cuts to his lower forearms and right hand, a cut on his nose and cuts and grazes to his lower right leg. He also suffered bruising to his neck and upper back / ribs. The driver of the tractor suffered soreness and pain to his neck and back however did not seek medical aid.

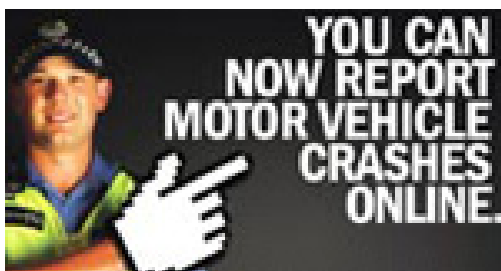
The driver of the Landcruiser was seen to attempt to restart his vehicle moments after the incident and it appeared he was intending on fleeing the scene. The accused was then seen to walk off from the scene towards the nearby waterway and boat ramp, witnesses yelled at him to remain at the scene however he continued to walk away.

Police attended moments later and as a result of information supplied, the driver of the Landcruiser was located near the water.

As a result of inquiries conducted a short time later at Kununurra Police Station it was ascertained that the driver had consumed alcohol.

The driver was charged with;

- 1) No Authority to Drive.
- 2) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.
- 3) Dangerous Driving Occasioning Bodily Harm.
- 4) Driver Fail to Ensure Assistance After Traffic Incident.





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## Opening of the new FESA Building



Senior Sergeant Graham SEARS assists by opening of the newly constructed Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) building situated on Coolibah Drive, Kununurra.

Graham was present as the OIC of Kununurra Police Station and with his second hat, that of the Acting Captain of Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Others present from left to right;

**Lincoln HEADING** from SES

The Honorable **Rob JOHNSON** Minister for Police & Emergency Services.

**Ms Jo HARRISON-WARD** CEO of FESA

**Matt REIMER**- District Manager SES

**Rob COX** – Kimberley District Regional Manager

**Tony STEVENSON** – District Manager FESA

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## Holding the Ball



Constables Nathan NICHOLSON and Keith FAY assist the community on their days off as well as when they are working. Both are registered Australian Rules umpires and help out by officiating over the local teams in the East Kimberley Football League. Usually quick to issue yellow work orders to unfit vehicles, both don't put up with any lip from players either and this particular day gave out a few yellow cards.

**CRIME**  
TOGETHER WE'LL CRACK IT



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## □ Stolen Firearm Recovered



A recent burglary from a Kununurra premises was an additional concern for police as the offender/s had gained access to a firearms cabinet and stole a rifle.

As part of the investigation into this matter, Kununurra Detectives combined with local SES volunteers and searched for the firearm in an area of bushland near a Kununurra residential area. Some days later, whilst dealing with an unrelated assault matter, police have obtained information pertaining to the firearm theft.

As a result, a member of the public has attended at the front counter of Kununurra Police Station in possession of a rifle after finding it secreted in an abandoned vehicle near her property. An examination of the rifle's serial number revealed it to be the same firearm stolen during the burglary offence.

The rifle was subsequently seized, tested and returned to the owner by 1/C Pc FAY, who was very pleased with the result. Inquiries into this matter continue.

**As WA Police operates an open amnesty policy regarding unlicensed firearms, these firearms may be handed in at any police station without fear of prosecution, under the following criteria:**

- the firearm has not been used in the commission of an offence;
- it is not reported as lost or stolen; and
- the owner can provide an account of how they came into possession of the firearm.



### REMEMBER

**Lock up the house whether you are at home or out. In over a third of WA's burglary cases the burglars have climbed through an open window or walked through an unlocked door.**





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## CHARGES FOR JUNE 2010

OFFENCE	NUMBER	OFFENCE	NUMBER
BURGLARY	2	POSSESS PROHIBITED DRUG	2
STEALING	9	POSSESS SMOKING UTENSIL	1
STEALING AS A SERVANT		NO MDL	14
STEAL MOTOR VEHICLE	2	DRIVE CONTRARY LEARNERS PERMIT	1
RECEIVING		REFUSE BREATH	
POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY		DUI	2
ASSAULT	3	EXCESS 0.08%	4
ASSAULT OCCASIONING BODILY HARM	6	EXCESS 0.05%	
INDECENT ACTS		EXCESS 0.02%	
ASSAULT POLICE	2	RECKLESS DRIVING	2
GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM		DANGEROUS DRIVING	
UNLAWFUL WOUNDING	3	CARELESS DRIVING	
SEXUAL ASSAULT		CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE	
DAMAGE	1	UNLICENSED VEHICLE	1
DAMAGE BY FIRE		DRIVE CONTRARY TO COMPLIANCE NOTE	
DISORDERLY	6	FAILURE TO ENSURE SEATBELTS WORN	
BREACH OF BAIL	18	FAIL TO STOP WHEN CALLED UPON	2
FALSE STATEMENT OBTAIN BAIL		DRUNK DETAINEE	14
DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY		FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN	
TRESPASS	1	FAILURE TO COMPLY	1
BREACH VIOLENCE ORDER		FAIL TO GIVE DETAILS	1
BREACH MOVE-ON ORDER		GIVE FALSE DETAILS	2
CARRY ARTICLE/INTENT TO CAUSE FEAR		WILLFULLY MISLEAD POLICE	
CARRY PROHIBITED WEAPON		OBSTRUCT POLICE	6
CARRIED A CONTROLLED WEAPON		BREACH POLICE ORDER	
THREATS TO INJURE		RE-ENTER LICENSED PREMISES	1
ENTER DETENTION AREA/PRISON		BREACH MOVE-ON NOTICE	
AID ESCAPEE		FRAUD	
ESCAPE LEGAL CUSTODY		FIREARMS OFFENCES	1

Remember, we can't do this without you and you are our...



# EYES ON THE STREET<sup>WA</sup>



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## Update Your Keyholder Information

*Whether you have a business, a house or any other type of premises, it's important to make sure that we have your contact details.*

*There are a number of different reasons why Police may need to contact the owner or the person in charge during the course of their duties.*

*Please call into the station and fill out a quick form or telephone through to update the best person to contact. Quite often businesses and premises have been on-sold and the former owner/keyholder is now interstate or overseas and unable to assist.*



So if you know anyone that isn't receiving these newsletters and probably would like to, then please send them on and they can contact us to receive them direct.

We are building a distribution list to send out our Crime Alerts and Information Bulletins and hopefully will be a great success in identifying criminals and other persons responsible for incidents that impact on us all.



### Next Edition will be distributed in August 2010.

*We will continue to provide details of our services, crime and traffic trends around the district. If you would like us to cover any other issues, please don't hesitate to email or give us a call and we will attempt to get it into the next newsletter. We hope this newsletter is providing you with a better understanding of us, the work we do and enhances the partnership between us.*

*And remember...*

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