**COMING EVENTS: OPEN INVITATION TO ALL SOUTH GIPPSLAND RESIDENTS**

TBA – Sandy Point Town meeting – Sandy Point Community Hall - 1030 am

**GOOD CATCH FOR KORUMBURRA POLICE**

On Wednesday 19th June, police intercepted a truck in Korumburra, which they had been looking for as a vehicle of interest. On interception, police conducted a search of the vehicle and located a Taser and a quantity of drugs. (A Taser is a device designed to deliver an electrical shock to subdue a person.)

Police have charged the offender with making a threat to kill, making threats to inflict serious injury, possession of prohibited weapon and possess and use a drug of dependence being amphetamines. The offender has been bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates Court on the 22nd of August.

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

It is with pleasure we introduce our new Superintendent for Eastern Region Division Five, Malcolm ‘Jock’ Menzel.

Jock comes to us on rotation from the State Emergencies and Security Department where he was the State Emergency Response Officer and a delegated State Emergency Response Coordinator, attached to the State Emergencies and Security Command. In that role he provided strategic and tactical advice to the Chief Commissioner regarding emergency management issues in Victoria.

ERDS’s Supt Jock Menzel

Jock has been a member of Victoria Police for approximately 37 years. He has a diverse policing background having served in a variety of uniform and specialist plainclothes positions. He brings to Division 5 a wealth of strategic, operational and emergency management knowledge.

As Divisional Commander in charge of major events in Melbourne, he was responsible for policing at major events including the Australian Tennis Open, the Melbourne Cup Carnival, International Test Cricket, One Day International Cricket Series, the AFL Finals Series and A League Soccer matches.

Country policing is not new for Jock. He was Divisional Commander based at Wangaratta with a responsibility for the provision of policing services to North East Victoria. Whilst at Wangaratta, Jock performed the role of divisional emergency response coordinator during the 2006/2007 Campaign Wildfire and the 2009 Black Saturday campaign wildfire.

Jock is looking forward to the challenge of running police services across Eastern Region Division Five’s four Local Government Areas of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe and South Gippsland.

Jock is married with three adult children, is grandad to a grandson and in his spare time he is an avid golfer.
THIEFT - Jerrup was broken into with two registration plates, a battery, four rims and tyres and a stereo stolen.

ASSAULT - 3 for May (1 April) - In all incidents offenders have been charged with assault related offences.

ARSON - 1 for May (Nil April) - One offender charged with attempted criminal damage by arson.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 2 for May (1 April) - Both incidents came to police notice as a result of family violence incidents and in both an offender has been charged with property damage offences.

BURGLARY - 2 for May (2 April) - Two offenders have been charged with burglary.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - 2 for May (Nil April) - One offender charged with theft of motor vehicle whilst the other vehicle stolen has been recovered.

THEFT - 1 for May (Nil April) - Between 3rd - 6th May unknown offenders stole fuel from a tank on a rural property in Fuller Rd.

KORUMBURRA CRIME REPORT - INCLUDES FROM KONGWAK TO KARDELLA

ASSAULT - Nil for May (1 April)

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 3 for May (1 April) - Between 4th and 6th May unknown offenders used black spray paint to paint offensive slogans on the wall of the Korumburra outdoor pool. A tractor in a paddock in Bena Rd was damaged between 14th and 28th May whilst police are following up a suspect in relation to damage at a residence in Bena Rd on 26th May.

BURGLARY - 3 for May (4 April) - Overnight 7th May unknown offenders smashed windows on the Caltex Service Station in Commercial St to gain access and steal cash. Between 17th and 20th a jerry can, welding unit and cordless drill were stolen from a rural property in Rileys Rd. A ute and tools were stolen from a shed in Sanders Rd on 24th May. The ute has since been recovered.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - 1 for May (1 April) - The only vehicle stolen during May has been recovered.

THEFT - 2 for May (3 April) - One offender charged. Overnight 5th May a purpose built wood splitter was stolen from the driveway of a premises in Gordon St.

LEONGATHA DISTRICT CRIME REPORT - INCLUDES FROM LEONGATHA SOUTH TO HALLSTON

ASSAULT - 1 for May (2 April) - One offender charged with unlawful assault during May.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 3 for May (1 April) - Two offenders were cautioned in relation to a criminal damage on 21st May. Between 18th and 20th a vehicle was damaged in a car park in Peart St whilst overnight 24th May unknown offenders spray painted an offensive image on a fence in Blackmore Ave.

BURGLARY - 4 for May (1 April) - Electrical items were stolen from a residence in Brumley St overnight 11th May. An esky and jerry cans were stolen from a storage container on a property in Leongatha-Yarragon Rd, Hallston on 16th May. Unknown offenders cut a lock on a gate of the transfer station in Koowarra-Inverloch Rd, Koowarra stealing some recycled car batteries.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE - 2 for May (2 April) - On 8th May unknown offenders stole a wallet from an unlocked vehicle in a car park whilst overnight unknown offenders stole a generator from the rear of a ute in a residential driveway in Valley View Cres. Evidence suggests it would have taken two people to lift the generator from the rear of the ute.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - Nil for May (1 April) - One offender charged whilst police are following up two suspects in relation to thefts from Target and Safeway. Overnight 28th May unknown offenders stole underwear from a clothesline in Walsh Crt.

LOCH DISTRICT CRIME REPORT - INCLUDES FROM NYORA TO POOWONG TO JEETHO TO KROWERA

ARSON - Nil for May (2 April)

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 1 for May (Nil April) - Between 5th and 18th May unknown offenders spray painted graffiti on a residence in Foreshore Ave, Jam Jerrup.

BURGLARY - 2 for May (4 April) - Overnight 7th May unknown offenders forced entry to a service station in Victoria St stealing cigarettes. Between 22nd and 26th May offenders forced entry to sheds on a rural property in St Helier Rd, The Gurdies however evidence suggests nothing was stolen.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE - 1 for May (1 April) - Overnight 8th May a vehicle which had run out of fuel on the Bass Hwy, Jam Jerrup was broken into with two registration plates, a battery, four rims and tyres and a stereo stolen.

THEFT - Nil for May (3 April)

MEENIYAN AND DISTRICT CRIME REPORT

(INCLUDES FROM KOONWARRA TO DOLLAR TO STONY CREEK)

For the second month in a row there was no reported crime in the Meeniyan Police Service Area.
FISH CREEK CUBS RECEIVE THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BADGES

On Wednesday the 19th of June, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden, had the pleasure of presenting the 1st Fish Creek Cub Pack with their Neighbourhood Watch Badges. The badges are only earned at Cub level and Brett presented the award to twelve very proud cubs. Unbelievably, there was not a single camera in the hall so unfortunately we are unable to show a photo of the proud recipients.

Brett questioned the cubs on what NHW meant to them and was delighted with some of the answers he received. “One young man gave the perfect answer when he said that to him, NHW meant taking his neighbours rubbish bins in when they were on holidays,” Brett said. “I explained this made it looked like somebody was at home and this meant it would not make the house an easy burglary target.”

To receive their badges the cubs must investigate:

- The telephone number they ring when there has been an accident or incident;
- What the main household security issues they should be aware of;
- What personal safety issues they need to be aware of;

Then they must display some skills:

- Whilst under adult supervision, engrave or mark their mother/father/guardians driver’s licence number onto their TV, bike, computers or any other items of value; or
- Record the serial/model numbers of their TV, bike, computers or any other items of value on an inventory sheet.
- Take photos of the items, download them onto their computer and then make a DVD, CD or USB of the photos and then place it somewhere for safe keeping. (If there is no computer at home they write the details into a book.)
- They then briefly explain what Neighbourhood Watch does and how it can benefit them as a Cub or Scout?

Finally they organise an activity, usually:

- Getting their local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator to talk to them about Neighbourhood Watch, and
- Organise the local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator to attend their pack meeting and present the pack with their Neighbourhood Watch badges.

I am sure you will all agree it is quite an achievement for all these elements to be undertaken and completed by our eight-year-old and under age group. Eastern Region Division Five Neighbourhood Watch congratulates to the 1st Fish Creek Cubs on their achievement. Keep up your great community work and watching over your neighbourhood. In doing so you will make sure your community remains a safe place in which to live.
MESSAGE FROM INSPECTOR GRAEME SPRAGUE - BASS COAST INSPECTOR

With winter well and truly upon us it is a good time to focus on road safety and adjust your driving to suit the weather conditions. Recent road closures due to flooding and trees down highlight the need to take extra care at this time of the year.

Holiday homes are continuing to be the target of burglaries so I again ask that you be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers or local police – that little piece of information may be vital in helping us identify and arrest those responsible.

The graduation parade at the Police Academy Glen Waverley on Friday 14th June 2013 saw the first members graduate in the new Victoria Police uniform. We currently have a new uniform sizing kit at Wonthaggi police station and it is anticipated that all Bass Coast PSA members will commence wearing the new uniform by early September 2013. You may see some members in the new uniform prior to September as all newly graduated members will now wear the new uniform. The new uniform provides enhanced clothing options for operational use and was developed after much consultation with police members.

MEENIYAN NHW/SCG DONATES TO LOCAL COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY BRIGADES

On Wednesday 8th May, 2013 at the Meeniyan-Stony Creek CFA Fire Station, Meeniyan Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group presented donations to Dean Delaney, the Meeniyan-Stony Creek CFA Captain and Peter Hanily, the Koonwarra CFA Captain. At a later date the group will also present a cheque to the Dumbalk CFA.

The cheques were $1350 for Meeniyan-Stoney Creek and $200 each for Koonwarra and Dumbalk.

Meeniyan NHW Area Manager, Bill Comans, on presenting the cheques thanked the CFA for the great work they do in protecting our residents.

Meeniyan Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group was formed in 2005. Bill says “We work at helping our community to be a safe area in which to live and raise a family. Originally we just covered Meeniyan but we have gradually expanded to cover all of the Meeniyan Police Service Area, which is currently policed by Leading Senior Constable Paul McDonald, who does a great job.”

The Meeniyan Police Service Area covers the towns and areas of Carmichael, Dollar, Dumbalk, Dumbalk North, Koonwarra, Meeniyan, Milford, Nerrena, Nerrena East, Stony Creek and Tarwin.

Mr Comans speaks highly of the local CFA brigades saying, “Our CFA members are really front-line in providing the security from fires and natural disasters and also their support when accidents occur. They are out there and do a great job too, and our local Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Community Group is happy to support them.”

Mr Delaney said the Meeniyan CFA is having a new fire station built and this will need to be fitted out. The remote communications equipment used in the trucks is in need of a significant upgrade. He also mentioned the recent theft of a log splitter that the CFA used to generate income and the need to replace that unit.

The Koonwarra CFA unit recently took delivery of a new truck and Mr Hanily said the donation they received would go towards the cost of fitting out the truck.

The Dumbalk CFA are saving so that they can also acquire a new tender which will need to be refitted when the unit is received and the money donated will go towards this effort.

Meeniyan Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Community Group meets in the virtual world. You can find it on the Meeniyan Community Website at http://www.meeniyan.org.au/Meeniyan/Neighbourhood_Watch.html

FIND US ON FACEBOOK – SENIOR CONSTABLE BRETT

Those who ‘like’ the Senior Constable Brett Facebook page will be able to receive and access local Bass Coast, Baw Baw and South Gippsland police information, breaking police news and crime prevention and safety tips.

You can find the page at http://www.facebook.com/SeniorConstableBrett?fref=ts after logging into Facebook.