

# Lakes Entrance EGP19

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**The next meeting for Lakes Entrance EGP 19 will be held at 2.00 pm in the RSL Annexe, Barkes Ave on Thursday May 24th 2007**



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## Scams – Protect yourself

### Co-ordinator's Corner

There were 10 members present at the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, with 4 apologies.

Senior Constable Crisp gave a very detailed crime report for January and February. With a large tourist population these crimes seem to escalate, but we were assured that many of the offenders have now been caught and processed.

Senior Constable Paul Wiseman was thanked in his absence for his great assistance with the "Mark it in March" effort held on 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Lakes Entrance Primary School. Paul brought his big trailer with all the NHW equipment.

A total of 9 bikes, 29 phones, 4 cameras and 4 electrical and sundry items were all security branded.

Bill Morison was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the region for all his hard work over the past 7 years. The local group also presented Bill with a nice gold pen.

Members of our group were thanked for their efforts on "Mark it in March" day. The Primary School Committee were also thanked for allowing us to use a site at the school.

The next meeting of EGP 19 will be held at the RSL Annexe on 24<sup>th</sup> March. See you there.

NHW has its own website at  
[www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au)

**SES can be contacted on 132 500**

Des Thomas.

Protect yourself from Scams by following the steps below and remember the golden rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

#### Protect your MONEY

- Never respond to an email asking you for PINs or passwords
- Never send money to someone you don't know or trust
- Only invest with licensed financial services providers

#### PHONE

- Be suspicious of unexpected calls and text messages
- Hang-up or text 'STOP' to unwanted messages
- Don't give out your phone number to just anyone

#### COMPUTER

- Keep your protection software up-to-date
- Don't respond in any way to unsolicited Emails
- If in doubt, delete

#### IDENTITY

- Never give out personal information to someone you don't know or trust
- Don't just bin it – destroy it – old bills, records or expired cards
- Check your credit report at least once a year

**Report Scams by calling 1300 795 995 or**

**Email [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)**

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## Police snippets

A reminder that the PCCC meeting is to be held at the Lakes Entrance Community Health Auxiliary Room on June 6th  
A 6pm Start.  
All Welcome

### **EAST GIPPSLAND CURRENTLY NEEDS BLOOD DONORS!!** If you wish to donate, please read on..

#### **Most people are able to give blood if they:**

- Are feeling fit and healthy
- Are between 16 and 70 years of age
- Have had their parents sign consent on a 'New Donor Form' if they are under 18 years of age
- Weigh over 45 kg
- Have eaten recently and drunk plenty of fluids (ideally water or juice)

#### **Some of the reasons you may be temporarily unable to give blood include:**

- Being on certain medications
- Suffering from a cold or flu
- Having recently been pregnant or trying to get pregnant
- Receiving a tattoo or body piercing in the last 12 months
- Having been imprisoned in a prison or lock-up in the last 12 months
- Having had male-to-male sex in the last 12 months
- Having had sex with a prostitute in the last 12 months
- Have undergone a surgical procedure in the last 12 months

#### **You will not be able to donate blood if you:**

- Have ever been an injecting drug user, (or the sexual partner of a drug-user in the last 12 months)
- Are HIV positive, have AIDS or Hepatitis
- Have lived in the United Kingdom for a total period of 6 months or more between 1st January 1980 and 31st December 1996)

#### **During your donation:**

- Let us know if you are feeling uncomfortable in any way

#### **After giving blood:**

- Take time to enjoy the refreshments provided and rest for about 10 minutes
- If you feel unwell, alert the refreshment staff
- For 2-3 hours, do not lift anything heavy with your donation arm. It is best to avoid strenuous exercise in the next 12 hours
- Modify your alcohol intake for at least 8 hours
- If you become unwell in the next five days, please notify the Blood Service on 13 14 95

**Please call 13 14 95 if you would like further information**  
REMEMBER TO BRING 3 POINTS OF ID, which include photo, name and DOB. A drivers licence OR passport

### **Reminder**

REMEMBER the free (now unadvertised) service for Telephone Number Enquiries will remain - 1223

## Do Not Call Register

Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan, launched the national Do Not Call Register today.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority is responsible for establishing and overseeing the Do Not Call Register, determining the fees telemarketers will be charged for accessing the register and for investigating breaches of the Do Not Call Register legislation.

ACMA is also responsible for developing a national standard for minimum levels of conduct by telemarketers and research callers. The Do Not Call Register enables individuals with Australian fixed line and mobile numbers to list their fixed and mobile telephone numbers on the register and opt out of receiving a wide range of telemarketing calls.

Registration of a telephone number is easy, quick and free. From today, individuals are able to register their telephone numbers, if they are used primarily for private or domestic purposes, through the Do Not Call website, at [www.donotcall.gov.au](http://www.donotcall.gov.au) or by post. Individuals will be able to register by telephone from 22 May 2007. It may take up to 30 days for a registration to become effective. Under the legislated scheme, it will generally be unlawful to make telemarketing calls to numbers placed on the register from 31 May 2007. Telemarketers will be able to submit their calling lists to the register operator for checking against the register.

This process of 'washing' calling lists will help telemarketers comply with the Act and will be available from 25 May 2007. Industry 'washing' trials are to begin shortly. Industry will contribute to the costs of operating and maintaining the Do Not Call Register through the payment of fees for accessing the register determined by ACMA.

ACMA has determined the subscription fees and excess usage charges that apply for accessing the register in the first year of operation. Under the Do Not Call Register (Access Fees) Determination 2007, the annual subscription fees range from \$71 (to wash up to 20,000 numbers) to \$80,000 (to wash up to 100 million numbers).

There is a subscription type that allows telemarketers to check up to 500 numbers per year at no cost. The access and administrative arrangements supporting the operation of the Register have also recently been finalised by ACMA.

### **CRIME STATISTICS for EGP 19** **from 1/3/07 – 30/4/07**

Burglary	7
Aggravated Burglary	1
Theft	3
Theft of Bicycle	2
Property Damage	8
Theft from M/Vehicle	2
Shopsteal	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>