



NORTHAMPTON POLICE STATION

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From the Officer-in-Charge

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It was great seeing so many support both the Chapman Valley and Northampton Agricultural shows. As you probably saw the team and I were at both. For the first time I am aware of, Northampton Police manned a stall at the Chapman Valley Show and had a police car on display for the kids. Feedback we received was extremely positive and we are hoping to continue this next year and also looking at having more of a permanent presence at the Northampton Show. We also raised over \$250 in donations to Police Legacy (at the Chapman Valley Show) so thank you to everyone who supported the great cause.

Crime Update

Without jinxing it I am again very proud to say that we have again maintained a 60% reduction in offences compared with this time last financial year and a 100% sanction rate. This is significant being the greatest decline in offences with a 100% sanction rate in the entire Mid-West Gascoyne Police District.

It is great to see that the effort of all of us (the community and police) is paying off and we are clearly doing the right thing in tackling crime. Let's continue this great achievement and continue to remain vigilant, report suspicious behaviour and make it tougher for crooks.

Without sounding like a broken record my main area of concern where we really need to come together as a community is family violence. Last month we charged a number of individuals relating to family violence matters. One involved a serious assault resulting in a local resident being charged with Acts or Omissions Endangering the Health or Safety of a Person. This offence carries a significant jail term and if convicted the person faces serious consequences. Punishment aside the victim was lucky to come out of the incident relatively unharmed (physically). Another series of incidents saw another Northampton resident charged and convicted with a number of Breaches of a Family Violence Restraining Order. Demonstrating how serious that offending was, the offender was sentenced to a significant term of imprisonment (suspended for 12 months).

We work closely with a number of support agencies and if you are the victim or need advice on family violence please come and speak with my staff or I and we can and will assist.

Snake Bites

It's that time of year again where the snakes are out and about. And if last year is anything to go by there are going to be plenty. You may have heard in the media two recent snake bite incidents, one as close as Coronation Beach. That incident involved an off-duty police officer from Geraldton. The other was a 72 year old male who was bush walking near Denmark. That gentleman was able to use a great smart phone app called *Emergency +*. The app gave him GPS co-ordinates which he was instantly able to relay to emergency services. I too have the app on my phone and believe it is a great tool. I also recommend people buy and carry special snake bite bandages. Northampton Saint John Ambulance have kindly agreed to make them available to locals for the discounted price of 2 for \$10 so stop by at the sub-centre and grab a couple. They seriously could save your life. And remember if bitten by a snake, remain calm, stay where you are, call 000 (request an ambulance) and apply first aid (follow DRSABCD, apply pressure immobilisation bandage, immobilise the limb and wait for professional help).