

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT

Macarthur Diversity Services on behalf of Landcom would like to invite you to a free school holiday activity jammed packed with fun, wizardry, surprises, face painting, prizes, BBQ lunch and your chance to meet the author of Doofuzz Dudes - Roslyn J. Motter plus much, much more!

When: Thursday, 16th July 11 am – 1 pm

Where: Narellan Library, Iron Bark Room, Level 1

Bookings Essential: Please confirm your place with Ann Bianco on 0407 280 333 or email annbianco@mdsi.org.au

Meet the Author of the Doofuzz Dudes Series



Roslyn J. Motter is a Sydney based children's author of the Doofuzz Dudes series of fantasy / adventure books with the primary focus of the series not only to entertain, but to draw attention to serious environmental issues. Most recently, *Rescue Moondar* has been shortlisted in the 2009 REAL Awards.

Roslyn will be visiting Narellan Library to tell you about the Dudes continuing big adventures on other planets, back to the past, under the sea and stories from other worlds.



Plus Dress Up Competition - Roslyn will be awarding a prize for the best dressed wizard on the day!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

When: Last Sunday of each month from 4 – 6 pm

Where: The Landcom Sales Office - *This will mean we're not be at the mercy of the weather anymore!*

We will also have an interesting guest speak at this event and expect they would only speak for a ½ hour. Should you need or wish to bring your children, please advise me prior to the event and I will organise a sitter to entertain them so you have a chance to meet new friends.

Free refreshments and/or wine will be served along with nibbles. I would appreciate if you could contact me if you are coming as it will help with catering.

Don't forget also to contact me, Ann on 0407 280 333 if you would like a sitter.

HEART FOUNDATION LAKE WALKERS



A message from Mick, walk organiser for the Lake Walkers.

I know Sunday is a day when we like to relax, possibly sleep in, read the Sunday papers leisurely or simply have breakfast in bed. With that in mind the Lake Walkers have been asked to change their walk time to 4 pm Sundays.

This will now be our new start time except for the last Sunday in the month when we will not be walking as it clashes with *Meet Your Neighbour* which is also a great event.

If you would like to ring me about the walks you can contact me on 0402 048 243.

I look forward to seeing you at the ½ basketball court at the new time of 4 pm Sundays.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Some of the ladies in the Estate would like to start a craft or folk art morning or even possibly painting.

Would anyone like to be a part of this group or would like to teach craft? If so we would love to hear from you.

For more information phone Lisa 4647 4496 or Ann 0407 280 333.



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GARDEN GATES NEWSLETTER - JULY 2009

Hi, this is Ann Bianco from Macarthur Diversity Services Inc., Community Facilitator, engaged by Landcom to deliver the Garden Gates "Welcome Program".

I have been away during June on annual leave, hence no June newsletter. However, May was a busy month in the estate with Mother's Day celebrations, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Heart Foundation Lake Walkers and Playgroup activities.

The Mother's Day petting farm and chocolate indulgence was very successful. There were turtles, ducks, chooks, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, doves and even a pony to ride. This is such a great activity for the children to be involved in. Here they can interact with the animals in a safe and non-threatening environment.

A lot of the mums said it was the perfect way to end such a great Mothers Day!

A big thank you to those that came and supported Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Flower Power. Every \$ donated brings us closer to the cure against this dreaded disease as I believe everyone knows someone or has been affected by cancer.



It was quite festive at Flower Power with balloons hanging from the rafters and beautiful flowers surrounding us. We drank tea and treated ourselves to delicious cake. The rain was also kind enough to stay away too so all in all a worthwhile and enjoyable day.

AN INVITATION – COFFEE HOUR

A couple of the residents have joined together for a coffee hour and thought this would be an excellent way to meet like minded people.

When: Every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 pm for 1 hour

Where: Lake Side Café

For more information phone Lisa 4647 4496 or Ann 0407 280 333.

PLAYGROUP

When: Every Thursday from 10 am - Noon

Where: Flower Power

The children are thoroughly enjoying themselves doing everything from making play dough, pasting and cutting, painting on the giant outdoor easel to playing in the play land.

In May we had two birthdays with lots of excitement as the children presented their crafty birthday cards and enjoyed a mini birthday party!

You are very welcomed to join us - just bring a piece of fruit to share and an old shirt to use as a paint smock.

IMPORTANT DATES

Meet Your Neighbour: Last Sunday of the month from 4 - 6 pm at the Landcom Sales Office.

Heart Foundation Lake Walkers: Every Sunday. **Please note the new meeting time of 4 pm** from the ½ basketball court. *No walking on the last Sunday of each month due to 'Meet your Neighbour'.*

Playgroup: Every Thursday at Flower Power from 10am - noon, except school holidays.

School Holiday Children's Activity: Meet Roslyn Motter, author of Doofuzz Dudes and Indy her dog. There will be wizards, BBQ luncheon, Camden Fire Brigade, face painting and more on 16th July at Narellan Library from 11 am.

School Holidays: From 11th - 26th July.

Coffee Hour: Every Tuesday at the Lake Side Café from 1.30 pm.

IMPROVING SECURITY OF YOUR VEHICLE

Theft of cars and of property from cars is one of the most common forms of crime in Australia.

Approximately one in four vehicles is stolen by professionals.

Seventy-five per cent of vehicles are stolen by opportunistic thieves who target vehicles that are easy to steal.

The stolen vehicles are then often used in joy-riding or to commit another crime.

Below are measures that you can take to improve car security and reduce the risk of theft.

SECURITY DEVICES

NEW CARS

If you are buying a new car, check out its security features.



While car manufacturers are increasingly fitting security devices, these vary between vehicles.

Newer cars may be fitted with:

- Engine immobilisers.
- Better door and ignition locks.
- Security patterned keys.
- Internal lock shields to prevent lock jimmying.
- Security coded radio/CD players.
- Players with removable face plates.
- Car alarms.

OLDER CARS

If you have an older car there are things you can do to help protect your vehicle.



- Installing an engine immobiliser (an electronic device that prevents a vehicle's engine from starting without the correct signal) is the best form of vehicle security available.
- Research by the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council found that immobilisers are fitted to 31 per cent of all vehicles in Australia, but only 3 per cent of stolen vehicles.
- In many instances where a vehicle fitted with an immobiliser had been stolen, the thief had access to the original key.
- Make sure the immobiliser complies with the Australian/New Zealand Standard for Vehicle Immobilisers (AS/NZS 4601:1999). This will ensure that the immobiliser cannot be easily overcome by thieves and will not affect the safe operation of your vehicle.
- You might also consider fitting an anti-theft alarm.

OTHER CAR SAFETY TIPS

- Be sure to lock your car, shut your windows tight and never leave your keys in the car. Even the smallest gap can enable the windows to be forced. It may sound obvious, but think how many times you've left your car unlocked or your keys in the ignition while at the service station or the shops.



- Do not leave valuables in your car. If, however, you do need to, place your handbag, parcels, luggage or briefcase out of sight in the glove box, boot or under the seat. Ensure that no-one sees you placing these valuables in the boot.

- Keep your garage locked. Many cars are stolen from garages and driveways, both during the day and at night.
- Choose secure carparks. Of course, there is no such thing as a theft-proof carpark, but whenever possible, choose a multi-storey carpark that is well lit, with boom gates.
- Remember; don't leave your ticket in the car.
- Park well away from isolated or dark areas – especially at night
- Be alert to any strangers showing an interest in your vehicle.
- Don't hide spare keys anywhere, inside or outside the car.
- A lockable fuel cap will prevent your petrol being stolen and force joy-riders to abandon your car when the petrol runs out.
- Keep a record of the serial number of your car keys and accessories.

Remember, if a car door cannot be opened and the contents removed in a few seconds, a thief usually won't bother.

The National Crime Prevention Programme acknowledges the information provided by the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) in the preparation of this information sheet.

Further information on car theft can be found at the NMVTRC website:
<http://www.carsafe.com.au>



IMPROVING SECURITY OF YOUR HOME

It is important to insure your property against theft, attempted theft, malicious damage and vandalism.

This is usually done through your car or household contents insurance.

Your insurance cover should provide enough to pay for most loss or damage but if you have particularly valuable items it may be necessary to increase your cover on a regular basis to meet rises in the value of items.

Remember to keep your insurance policy in a safe place. If you are in doubt about your policy, for instance what it covers, how much you are insured for and how much to claim, you should contact the Department of Fair Trading/Consumer Affairs, a consumer advice group or your insurance company.



REMEMBER...

- Your insurance only covers items and events listed in your policy document.
- It is your responsibility to keep details of all the items insured including serial numbers, descriptions and *original receipts*. Do this with a Property Inventory list.
- You must take reasonable steps to prevent a loss by fitting good locks to doors and windows and ensuring that they are used at all times. Some policies require you to have deadlocks so check what precautions you should take.

- If you are burgled, you must do what you can to prevent further damage, for example secure broken doors and windows.
- It is up to you to see that you have adequate insurance cover for all of your belongings.



- Contact the police as soon as you discover a theft. Take their advice and do not disturb anything until they can send an officer around to deal with your call.
- Get in touch with your insurance company promptly. The insurance company will try to deal with your claim as quickly as possible but it helps if you can provide the following information:
 - A list of items stolen or damaged.
 - A completed claim form.
 - Receipts, written estimates and other information to assess the claim.
 - The name of the police officer and police station dealing with the theft and the crime number.
- Keep copies of all correspondence and your claim form.



- If you have to keep valuable items at home, you should think about buying a good quality safe.



Cash and jewellery are the most common items stolen during break and enters, so avoid keeping large quantities in your house.

If you have your credit card stolen, contact your bank or credit card company immediately. If you delay reporting the loss, you may find that you are liable for the cost of any purchase made before the card was reported stolen.

If you have an automatic teller card, never carry your card together with your personal identification number (PIN). The best advice is to memorise your number and never disclose it to anyone.

