

Foster service boost

THE State Government will invest \$6.6m over three years to provide homes and specialist care to young Far Northerners who have experienced serious abuse and neglect.

"The money will be used to establish two new foster and kinship care services in the Far North, providing an additional 186 places for children who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect," Child Safety Minister Margaret Keech said.

It will also be used to establish two new emergency response services, Ms Keech said.

The \$6.6m funding will go to Wuchopperen Health Service (\$1.9m); Lifeline Community Care (\$960,000) Alternate Care (\$1.8m); Anglicare North Queensland (\$1.9m).

Up to the June 30, 2007, the Department of Child Safety recorded 2100 notifications of harm or risk of harm to young people in the Cairns, Tablelands and Innisfail regions, about 500 of which were substantiated.



crime watch

Getaway made on bike

UNARMED ROBBERY

CAIRNS detectives are investigating a robbery at a backpacker hostel on the Esplanade, Cairns, at about 4.30pm on Saturday.

It is alleged a man jumped the counter and removed a quantity of cash from a register before pushing the female employee out of the way. The offender then rode away on a bicycle along the Esplanade before turning into Aplin St.

The man is described as of caucasian appearance, proportionate build, brown shoulder length unkempt hair, wearing three quarter length dark shorts, a plain white T-shirt and black shoes.

PHONE AND FOOD TAKEN

A 15-year-old girl was robbed as she walked along Aumuller St, Manunda, yesterday afternoon.

At about 3.15pm, the girl realised she was being followed by three people.

A female from the following group then approached her and pushed her to the ground before the two males grabbed her backpack. They removed her mobile phone and food stuffs and threw the backpack aside.

The three then ran off along Aumuller St and into Gatton St. The female

offender was described as Aboriginal appearance, 165cm tall, solid build, black hair and was wearing blue jeans and thongs. Both males were described as Aboriginal appearance, slim build, 175cm tall, black hair and wearing shorts and sneakers.



BURGLARIES

A 63-year-old woman at Barnes St, Earlville, woke at 12.30am Thursday morning to find a man in her house rummaging through her property.

The woman yelled out at the man, who ran off with a small quantity of jewellery.

He got into a maroon 4WD parked across the street and drove off.

A house in Olive St, Manoora, was broken into between 11am and 5pm on Saturday. The offender/s gained entry to the house and ransacked a bedroom before taking a quantity of jewellery, clothing from the clothesline, a

pair of running shoes and a lawnmower from the garage.

An 85-year-old woman was woken after a man tapped her on her shoulder as she slept in her Lyons St unit in Westcourt at about 1am on Sunday. The woman yelled at the balaclava wearing offender and he ran out empty-handed.

CAR BREAK IN

POLICE are seeking four males who broke into a car at Ward St, Moorool, last week.

At about 10.30pm on Monday, the occupant of a house went into the carport and realised his car door was open, finding the glove box open and the contents on the seat.

He then realised four males of Aboriginal or Islander appearance were hiding in the garden.

Nothing was stolen.

They were described as wearing baggy shorts and track shirts.

A house at Lambus St, Palm Cove, was broken into while the occupant slept early Tuesday morning. It is possible the same offender used the keys left in the ignition to steal a Maroon Pajero, registration 250FGZ, parked at Terebra St, Palm Cove, around the same time.



Regaining the passion for life

MOTIVATIONAL speaker, author and life coach Deborah Storer (above) will be holding three free seminars – entitled "Breakfree Live with Passion" – that help teach people how to regain passion in their life.

With seven books published in the past year, Deborah is a success story in her own right.

While suffering from an eating disorder that almost took her life, Deborah's father committed suicide.

At the same time, she was faced with a level of debt that was crippling and her self-esteem was so low she could barely get out of bed each day.

That was 12 years ago.

She has since risen to the challenge to discover her passion, create confidence and achieve success, which includes sharing with others how they too can create change in their life.

The free seminars are being held at the Cairns Colonial Club on Tuesday, June 10, at 7pm and Wednesday, June 11, at 9.30am and 7pm. They will incorporate stories from Deborah's past, real-life client experiences, and the seven steps to improve your life with more passion.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 1300 548 348 or 0437 446 774 and online at www.deborahstorer.com.au/seminar

DOMESTIC TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT



NEW BOOM-GATE



Drop-off & pick-up area for people with disabilities

Qantas & Qantaslink Arrivals

Virgin Blue & Jetstar Arrivals & Departures

DOMESTIC TERMINAL

As the \$200M Cairns Airport Domestic Terminal redevelopment progresses access to the drop-off and pick-up car spaces for people with disabilities outside the northern end of the Domestic Terminal is now boom-gate controlled.

To gain entry press the intercom button located on the boom gate access card reader; advise the car park management representative who responds and they will raise the boom gate remotely.

For queries or more information contact 1800 177 748.



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"Watch out for these little blighters!"

Report electric ants

Check your place and call 13 25 23

Actual size
1 to 1.5mm

Electric ants have been found in North Queensland.

They're nasty little blighters, because they inject venom when they sting, causing painful itching for days. They live in leaf litter, under stones and in trees. They can live in backyards and inside homes too - infesting beds, furniture and food. They can get into camping gear and can ruin the great outdoors.

A threat to our environment.

Electric ants are "tramp ants" - like the invasive fire ants and crazy ants that are also being eradicated in Queensland. Electric ants can sting and even blind farm and native animals, and pets too. They can get into crops and make it difficult for people to live and work outdoors.

There is already a national program eradicating electric ants; but it would be great to have your help to make sure we get them all.

What should you do?

Check your place. If you see suspect ants, please call the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on 13 25 23.

How to recognise electric ants:

- Electric ants are tiny – just 1 to 1.5mm long, golden brown in colour, and slow moving.
- They do not have defined nests in soil; instead, they live in leaf litter, under stones, in rotten logs and in trees.

For more information call 13 25 23 or visit: www.dpi.qld.gov.au

