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The WA Firearms Act Reform Voluntary Buyback Scheme



With the Mundijong Police

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**In an Emergency call 000
(or for hearing/speech impaired
call TTY 106)**

**General Police Assistance
131 444**

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

**Report Online:
police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct**

The Western Australian Government have allocated \$64.3 million dollars as part of the Firearms Act Reform initiative to compensate firearm licence holders for voluntarily surrendered firearms via the 2024 Voluntary Firearm Buyback Scheme.

The Voluntary Firearm Buyback Scheme opened on the 21st February 2024, and will remain open until Saturday 31 August 2024, or until the \$64.3 million fund is exhausted.

All WA individual firearm licence holders are eligible to receive compensation for surrendered firearms regardless of whether legislative changes impact their licence.

Mundijong Police Station is accepting firearms under the voluntary firearms buyback scheme, as well as the State's existing amnesty program between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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See Something, Say Something

Please help us to help you – report suspicious and anti-social behaviour to Crime Stoppers WA on 1800 333 000 or online at crimestopperswa.com.au

Alternatively, if you require general police assistance phone 131 444.

Leave 000 for emergencies.



ON THE BEAT

February Update

with Senior Sergeant Richard Moore

Hi Folks,

It's been a busy week for Mundijong Police, solving crime and charging offenders with serious offences.

Yesterday afternoon police stopped a vehicle on Turner Road Byford. The occupants were spoken to and on searching the vehicle police located a homemade firearm, ammunition, stolen registration plates, a homemade sling shot and stealing a motor vehicle from Hearne Hill in December 2021.

This morning a Misuse of Drugs Act Search warrant was executed in Darling Downs. A 38-year-old woman from the address was arrested on two outstanding warrants and possession of illegal drugs. Mundijong Police will also be making inquiries into the 7 mobile phones located under her bed. At the time of producing this newsletter, police are still at the address seizing further alleged stolen or unlawfully obtained property.

Mundijong Police appreciate the community's assistance in contacting the Station or Crime Stopper with information about suspicious activity. Information provided assists in 'building a jigsaw' of intelligence allowing us to have search warrants approved and executed.

Hoon driving continues to be the main concern of some residents. Please report unlawful driving, if safe record registration plates and vision of the reckless driving. Don't put yourself in harms way. It's not worth the risk of been struck by a 'stupid' driver.

Remember, we're always here for you. Let's look out for one another and create a safer community.

Snr Sgt Richard Moore

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Your information

helped keep our community safe



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REPORT
ONLINE ANONYMOUSLY

🔍 Crime Stoppers



What to report to the WA Police

The Police rely on reports from the community about where crime and suspicious activity are occurring.

Police patrols are most often targeted in line with reports from the public and the Police can only respond and assist where they are given reasonable detail about the nature and timing of an incident or ongoing issue.

For more information on how to make a report go to the [WA Police website - How to Report a Crime](#).

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Call Crime Stoppers or make an [online report](#) to provide information about any criminal activity and in some cases a reward may be issued. You can remain anonymous.

Crime Stoppers is staffed between 7am and 11pm weekdays and 8am to 8pm on weekends, but online reports can be made at any time.

For life-threatening or time critical emergencies, call 000

Hearing/speech impaired call TTY 106

Only use the 000/106 emergency service when an immediate response is required, to contact police while a crime is happening or if someone is in immediate danger.

Before you call 000 or (TTY) 106, decide which emergency service you need:

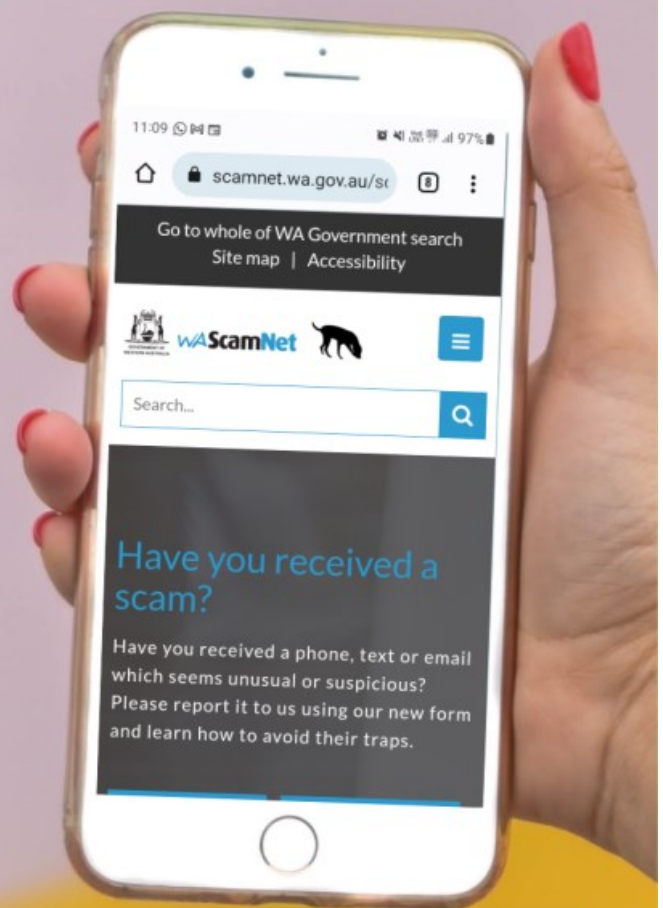
WA Police Force - Actively occurring criminal activity or an incident where there is an immediate threat to the lives of a person/people.

St John Ambulance - Emergencies requiring immediate medical treatment

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) - Fire, serious vehicle crash or severe weather event

For non-emergency situations that require WA Police Force assistance call 131 444 / TTY 106

These events non-emergency events include break in/theft that has already occurred, if you have witnessed, or are witnessing, a burglary or break-in taking place (the offender is still on the premises but you are not in immediate danger), property damage or reporting a sexual assault.



www.scamnet.wa.gov.au

Have you received a scam?

If you have received a phone, text or email which seems unusual or suspicious, please report it to Scam Net using their [online form](#).

Police Direct»»

Check My Crime

The check my crime web portal is a service that will allow victims of stealing and damage related crimes to view the status of their offence investigations, record additional items and print an abridged report.

[VISIT CHECK MY CRIME](#)

2024 Firearms Act Reform

Public safety through legitimate and responsible firearm ownership.

The 2016 Law Reform Commission Review of the WA Firearms Legislation, recommended a complete redraft and re-enactment of the Legislation, placing public safety at the forefront.

In March 2022, the WA Government announced the commencement of the Firearms Legislation Reform. The Firearms Act Reform is the largest reform of the firearms legislation in recent history.

Apart from some amendments in 1996 following the Port Arthur massacre, the legislation has had no significant structural reform, only minor amendment since the 1970s.

Law changes will enhance public safety by implementing stricter licensing and storage requirements, introducing compulsory training and health checks as well as mandatory disqualifying offences. It will also see Western Australia become the first state or territory to impose a limit on the number of firearms an individual can own.

While there have been several amendments to the Act over the years, there has been no structural reform since it was enacted back in 1973.

A Cook Government funded voluntary firearm buyback is open now until Saturday 31 August 2024 (or until the allocated funds are exhausted, whichever happens first) to all individual firearms licence holders across the State, with owners eligible to receive a maximum of \$1,000 dollars for their gun, dependant on type, style, calibre and initial registration date.

Voluntary Firearm Buyback Scheme

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All WA individual firearm licence holders are eligible to receive compensation for surrendered firearms regardless of whether legislative changes impact their licence.

The schedule of buyback fees payable can be found below. Payment will be made via bank transfer, to your nominated bank account. You must provide the bank details on the prescribed form when you bring it and the firearm to the Police station. If you do not want to provide your banking details you cannot take advantage of the Voluntary Buyback Scheme.

Firearm Surrender form

The firearm surrender form can be found [HERE](#) and must be completed before you attend the station.

If you're not sure when your firearm was first licenced, you can leave this blank and the officer at the station will find this information for you.



SCHEDULE OF FEES PAYABLE

Firearms type		< 6 years	> 6 years
Handgun	Revolver	\$1000	\$560
	Semi-Auto	\$833	\$466
Shotgun	Double Barrel	\$750	\$420
	Single Barrel	\$625	\$350
Rifle	Rimfire	\$416	\$233
	Centrefire	\$938	\$525
	Air Rifle	\$416	\$233

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Checks will be conducted on the firearms licenced to each person, and compensation amounts will be confirmed with you while you are at the station.

Ammunition may also be surrendered, but is not compensated. Remember that it is illegal to possess ammunition without the corresponding licenced firearm. Bags and firearm accessories will not be taken at the station and are not eligible for compensation under the firearm buyback scheme.

Mundijong Police Station will be open Monday to Friday between 8am and 4pm to assist. The surrender process will take around 15-20 minutes, depending on number of people at the station.

Please ensure that your firearms are unloaded and empty of all ammunition and carried into the station in a safe, non-threatening manner.

The screenshot shows a news article from the Cook Government website. The title is "Cook Government's historic firearm laws enter WA Parliament". The sub-headline reads: "The largest overhaul of firearms laws in Western Australia's history enters Parliament today following years of extensive consultation with licence holders, industry stakeholders and the broader public." There are three bullet points: "• Toughest firearms laws in Australia to limit the number of guns a person can own", "• New laws balance public safety with the legitimate, responsible use of firearms", and "• \$64.3 million voluntary firearm buyback compensation scheme now open". A blue button at the bottom of the screenshot says "Click image to read the full Cook Government media release".

Rural Crime Prevention Part Four: Fuel Tank Security



With today's advanced technology it is possible to have remote notification of your fuel levels. Mobile and email applications are available to alert the owner to any use of fuel, generally for a small set up fee. Movement alarms can also be effective in reducing risk of fuel theft.

Other security tips include:

- Have fuel tanks located out of sight of passing traffic and if possible, consider locating tanks underground.
- Ensure tank cut-off valves and pump are securely locked. Locate any switches in a

locked building and turn off power to pumps when not in use.

- Monitor fuel usage and keep up to date records in order to recognise any unexplained loss.
- Place signs at entrance points to your property and on fuel tanks to warn offenders of the security measures in place and that fuels are monitored effectively.
- Fuel dyes can be effective in preventing theft and can be sourced from your local agricultural supplier.



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

Friendly Neighbourhood

Grant

Friendly Neighbourhood Grant

The Shire of SJ is supporting our community members to get to know their neighbours through our Friendly Neighbourhood Grant.

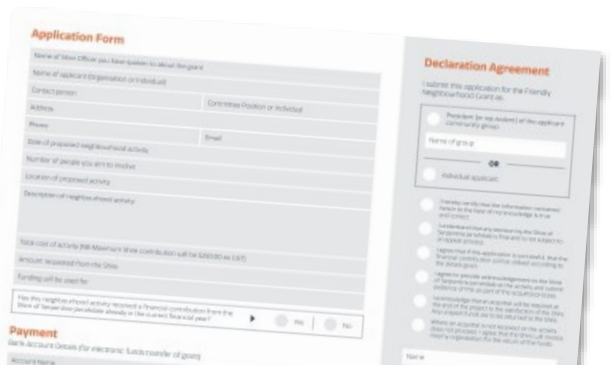
These grants are available to individuals and local community groups to apply for financial assistance towards the cost associated with hosting an event or activity that will foster positive neighbourhood connections.

If you are applying for a Friendly Neighbourhood Grant, there are a few things to keep in mind.

- The event or activity must occur on public property in the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted.
- Applicants must allow four (4) weeks from the date of submission, for applications to be processed and notifications issued by the Shire regarding the outcome of the grant.
- Grants up to \$250.00 (ex GST) per application are available all year round while funds remain.
- An acquittal (including copies of receipts) must be submitted upon the completion of your activity.
- Acknowledgement of the Shire for the contribution is also requested.

Before you submit your application, please contact one of our Shire Officers for further information and assistance with your application to ensure you are eligible on 9526 1111 or email info@sjshire.wa.gov.au

Submit your application in person, by mail or by email to the Community Development Team at the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.



**DOWNLOAD YOUR APPLICATION
FORM HERE**

We're Back!



Youth **CENTRE** Programs

Our Youth Centre is open during the school holidays. Drop-in for some fun activities starting from **February 5th – March 28th.**

**Mondays – Thursdays,
3:10PM to 5:30PM**

 Briggs Park. Youth Space
38 Mead Street, Byford WA



Scan the QR code to stay up to date with our Youth program and events.



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

 @shireofSJ

 @youthofSJ



Neighbourhood Watch

Great neighbours make great neighbourhoods!

We believe a connected community is a safer community. At the heart of a connected community are neighbours like you and us.

Whether you live in a typical suburban street, a multi-residential complex or a farm, knowing your neighbours will help you feel safer, and boost your mental health and wellbeing.

A safer community starts with “hi”.

When you know your neighbours, you will recognise when there are people in your neighbourhood that perhaps don’t belong and spot any suspicious behaviour that you can report to Police.

Getting involved is easy and free. It’s as easy as getting to know your neighbours and exchanging contact information.

If you don’t know your neighbours, we have resources to assist you “break the ice” and start a conversation. Email us info@nhw.wa.gov.au and we will send you a toolkit.



Our next Community BBQ is in Whitby on 26th March 2024.

Held at Whitby Adventure Park on Tinspar Avenue, from 4pm to 6pm, Whitby residents can enjoy a free sausage sizzle, cooked by the Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, and get to know the people in your local community.

For more information please contact the Shire’s Community Safety Officer Marissa Charles on 9526 1111 or email mcharles@sjshire.wa.gov.au

SECURITY TIP
Mark your valuables for easier identification & return to you!



UV pens are currently available for FREE* from Mundijong Police Station and are a quick and easy option to mark your items.

Write (WA) plus your drivers licence number on your bikes, scooters, tools and other valuable items with the pen. Visible only with a UV light, this will help Police return your property to you if it is stolen and then recovered.

*One per household only.



Need documents signed?

While Police Officers are able to certify documents, we cannot guarantee when our officers will be available at the Mundijong Police Station due to tasking in our community.

For your convenience, a Justice of the Peace will be at the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre 3 times a week if you require any documents signed.

Mondays 2pm - 4pm | Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 12pm

For more information, please contact the SJ CRC team on (08) 9503 2967.

SJ CRC Open hours: 8.30 - 4.30pm Mon to Fri | 9.00 - 11am Sat | 2 Paterson Street, Mundijong 6123

We've made it even easier
for you to contact us

**Request and
Report It** 

Request it & report it

Not everything that occurs in your local area is a police matter.

The Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire can provide assistance to residents and ratepayers in the following areas:

- Animal Issues
- Building Enquiry
- Drain Maintenance
- Environmental Health Issues
- Facilities, Parks and Leisure
- Fire Safety
- Maintenance Requests
- Planning Enquiry
- Rates
- Roads and Footpaths
- Trees and Managed Verges
- Vehicles and Parking
- Waste and Recycling

If you know of an issue that needs to be addressed in your local area, please use the links above or visit the website below.

For further information contact the Shire's Community Safety Officer Marissa Charles on 9526 1111.

Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

Open 8.30am to 5pm, Monday - Friday

P: 08 9526 1111

E: info@sjshire.wa.gov.au

6 Paterson St, Mundijong WA 6123

sjshire.wa.gov.au/community/services/request-report-it.aspx

Give illegal dumping the click

Illegal dumping of demolition waste, including asbestos, is an ongoing problem in some parts of WA.

Crime Stoppers WA and the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) are running a campaign dubbed "Give illegal dumping the click" from 5th Feb for 4 weeks, although the message is timeless.

The Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire will be sharing the 'give illegal dumping the click' the campaign message, and encourage locals, industry players and consumers to share information anonymously via the Crime Stoppers WA online reporting platform. This information will go directly to DWER investigators.

Workers in the demolition and construction industries might know who the rogue removalists are, dodging the law and dumping asbestos and demolition waste illegally. To keep their industry clean, we want industry insiders to share information to help stop this trend.

For consumers doing home renovation projects, they should ensure they use licensed contractors and ask where their home renovation/demolition waste is actually going. They're paying a fee for this to be done properly, so exposing any rogue traders will help prevent our landscapes becoming illegal landfill.

Don't let illegal landfill ruin our beautiful WA landscape. If you see or hear anything suspicious, report online, safely & anonymously via Crime Stoppers WA to Dept of Water & Environmental Regulation.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING HERE



View the Crime Stoppers WA Illegal Dumping Campaign video on [YouTube](#) by clicking on the image

CRIME STATISTICS

Mundijong Sub District - January 2024

BYFORD	
Thomas Rd	Traffic Crash
Abernethy Rd	Disorderly Behaviour
Nettleton Rd	Stealing of Motor Vehicle
Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
South West Hwy	Stealing from Retail Premises
South West Hwy	Threats
Marr St	Stealing (General)
South West Hwy	Traffic Offences
Abernethy Rd	Damage
Gordin Wy	Damage
Bitalli Bend	Stealing (General)
Kinsella Ave	Lit Fire Likely to Injure or Damage
Marr St	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Helen Cres	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Old Brickworks Rd	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Makin Crt	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Makin Crt	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
South West Hwy	Stealing of Motor Vehicle
Orton Rd	Traffic Crash
Coulterhand Circle	Trespassing
Thomas Rd	Traffic Crash
Kalyang Loop	Stealing (General)
Briggs Road	Being armed in a way that may cause fear
Covenant Lane	Stealing from Retail Premises
Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
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Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
Orton Rd	Traffic Offences

BYFORD	
Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
South West Hwy	Stealing from Retail Premises
South West Hwy	Careless Driving
Abernethy Rd	Traffic Offences
Abernethy Rd	Traffic Crash
Briggs Rd	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Sandalwood Ave	Stealing (General)
Covenant Lane	Threats
South West Hwy	Stealing from Retail Premises
Allanson Dve	Fraud
Allanson Dve	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Pirie Rd	Trespassing
Kardan Blvd	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Abernethy Rd	Stealing from Retail Premises
South West Hwy	Traffic Crash
Mead St	Damage property by graffiti
Indigo Parkway	Damage
Kandimak Blvd	Dangerous Driving
Gallon Way	Stealing of a Motor Vehicle
White Gum Rise	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Kardan Blvd	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Diamantina Blvd	Criminal damage or destruction not due to fire
Edward Cres	Burglary and Commit
Beenyup Rd	Stealing from Motor Vehicle
Gadd Ave	Stealing (General)
Catherine St	Damage
South West Hwy	Fraud - Credit/Debit Card
South West Hwy	Possess stolen or unlawfully obtained property

CRIME STATISTICS

Mundijong Sub District - January 2024

CARDUP

No incidents reported

DARLING DOWNS

Rowley Rd	Stealing (General)
Wungong Sth Rd	Traffic Offence
Hopkinson Rd	Stealing (General)
Evening Peel Crt	Burglary and Commit

HOPELAND

Karnup Rd	Traffic Crash
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JARRAHDAL

George St	Damage property by graffiti
Jarrahglen Rise	Damage

KARRAKUP

No incidents reported

KEYSBROOK

Atkins Rd	Damage
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MARDELLA

Rapids Rd	Traffic Offences
Kargotich Rd	Traffic Crash

MUNDIJONG

Bishop Rd	Traffic Crash
Mundijong Rd	Traffic Crash

MUNDIJONG

Tonkin St	Trespassing
Kind Rd	Stealing (General)

OAKFORD

Kargotich Rd	Stealing (General)
Tuart Rd	Being armed in a way that may cause fear
Tuart Rd	Assault Common, Damage
Thomas Rd	Traffic Crash
King Rd	Damage
Wolfe Rd	Criminal Damage by Fire
Tuart Rd	Indecent Assault
Brockwell Pl	Assault
Tuart Rd	Burglary and Commit
Kargotich Rd	Burglary with Intent
Ditton Rd	Fraud

OLDBURY

King Rd	Damage
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SERPENTINE

Selkirk Rd	Assault Common
Falls Rd	Damage
Kingsbury Dve	Burglary and Commit, Stealing
Utlely Rd	Stealing of Motor Vehicle
Lefroy St	Burglary and Commit, Stealing
South West Hwy	Burglary and Commit, Stealing

WHITBY

South West Hwy	Trespassing
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Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual respect



good behaviour



open communication



respect for each other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting or aggressive language



malicious or judgemental gossip



using social media disrespectfully



any form of violence

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.



Download the pictured resources or learn more about Connect and Respect here:
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/connect-and-respect>

Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

Our school communities are a vibrant and diverse representation of society, where children learn and grow.

We rely on the local community, parents and families to partner with us in their children's learning journey and encourage open communication.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities is respectful. We all have right to feel safe and be safe at school.

Connect and respect is a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations. These will enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from schools and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will help schools continue to build upon a culture of connection and engagement. Contact your school if you would like to discuss how this will be implemented at your school.

These resources build on the State Government's existing action plan against violence.

It also builds on our Department's advertising campaign Say no to violence by raising awareness that violence is unacceptable and continuing this conversation in schools.