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OUR MISSION

SAFETY HOUSE
– Working For Safer Communities For All

OUR VISION

People working together to assist in creating a feeling of safety within our communities.

Wynnum is Positively Aware

Magnificent Yellow!

ARRIVED at Wynnum North State School to see the students, Principal and teacher dancing to highly energetic music. Thursday 9 September was chosen by all the local committees in the Bayside Regional Committee to be a Yellow Day celebration in Child Protection Week.

Every Safety House displayed either yellow flags or balloons and every Safety House school celebrated.

It was truly magnificent to see everyone enjoying the spirit of Yellow Day. The Wynnum North Safety House team and willing

student helpers stamped, handed out stickers and attached yellow ribbons to foreheads, clothing and arms. The starting school bell rang signifying the end of the celebration. Awareness was promoted and a positive Safety House message reinforced.



Colourful Duo: Wendy Lakeman and her son Aaron.

Bold New Initiative

Reunite aims to be simple, effective & secure

CRIME Stoppers Queensland has launched a bold new community safety initiative called the Reunite Service.

The Reunite Service is simple, effective and secure and utilises the Crime Stoppers call centre to help reunite parents, guardians and carers with those in their care, should they become separated.

It is a web-based system where the public register those in their care onto a secure database. The database will be accessed only by the Crime Stoppers call centre when a person is reported separated.

Uniquely numbered identification "face" cards and a matching numbered wristband will be issued with each registration, with the wristband being worn by the registered person and the face cards carried by the parents, guardians or carers.

If a person becomes separated, then they can ask for help and show their wristband. A call is made to the Crime Stoppers call centre quoting the identifying number. The call centre then contacts the parent, guardian or carer directly. If contact cannot be made, the local police are called to attend.

Alternatively, if it is discovered that a person is missing, the parent, guardian or carer makes the call to Crime Stoppers quoting the identifying number from the face card. The Crime Stoppers call centre then raises an alert and electronically distributes the person's crucial identification information and image to local Police.

The Service is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week from the low single per annum cost to the user of \$9.95. Help will only be a phone call away when you need it most by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For peace of mind, register your loved ones today on the Reunite Service website.

Your local school can also get involved because a fund raising incentive of \$2.00 per registration will be offered to schools for the first six months on the service.

Information kindly provided by: the Rockhampton District Crime Bulletin

Something 'NEW' from QPS

HQ Tour is a must!

THE Queensland Police Service has opened its doors to the community with tours of Queensland Police Headquarters. Specialised policing areas never before seen by the public include:

- Fingerprint Bureau;
- Scientific Section;
- Police Communications Centre;
- Photographic Section; and
- Computer Facial Identification Technology

Guided tours operate on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am (from February to November) at Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.

Transport to this venue is not a problem because it is directly



opposite the Roma Street Railway Station.

For further information and booking enquiries, please call (07) 3364 6256 or visit the Queensland Police Service Headquarters Tour website at: www.police.qld.gov.au/aboutus/facilities/tour.htm



An Important Day for the Rockhampton Committee

BY RHONDA GRAHAM (PUBLICITY OFFICER)

ON the 11th September 2010, along with other volunteers from around the area, The Rockhampton Safety House Committee participated in Child Protection Week.

Our stand included information brochures and with the help of a projector and a white board, we were able to show our educational DVDs throughout the day. Children received an IMA stamp and could choose from a selection of colouring-in pages to take home.

There was a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition for the children and a special guest appearance by IMA.

IMA explored the whole venue, along with his handy helpers giving out brochures, stamps and lots of hugs and high fives. As always, IMA was a popular favourite and not only with the children but with some adults as well!

It was a wonderful opportunity to support other organisations as well as to get the word further out there about Safety House.



Pivotal foursome: (from left) Jenny Wheeler, Baby IMA, Rhonda Graham and Lesley Lennox.



On the board: What a display!



VIM (Very Important Mascot): Niley and Kurrawah Henry with IMA near the Safety House Display in Rockhampton.



How Many?: Baby IMA advertising the famous "Jelly Bean Guessing Competition"



Key players: Jenny Wheeler & Rhonda Graham



Ready for the paperwork: Lesley Lennox



Planning par excellence: Publicity officer, Rhonda Graham (left) along with Jenny Wheeler

Energetic: The opening dance created lots of positive energy.

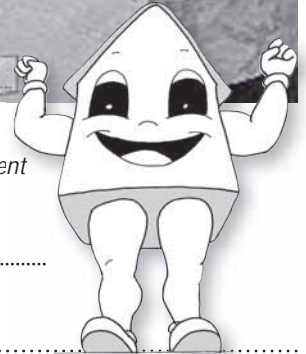


On display: Lesley Lennox, Melody Whiting & Rhonda Graham

Child Protection Week, continued



Communities: Department of Communities stall at the Rockhampton Child Protection Week event.



Church presence: The Anglican Church's Anglicare department contributed to the day...

Young Mums Support: Girls Time Out Stall.



Learning corner: (left) Education Queensland came to the party

Government Department: Child and Family Health Services stall



Local Welfare Agency: Helem Yumba (CQ Healing Centre) Stall



On the line: Lifeline made its presence felt for Child Protection Week in Rockhampton.



On the Beat: (left) Queensland Police Service Stall

The Safety House Association of Queensland Incorporated and the Rockhampton Safety House Committee would like to thank Relationships Australia for their generous invitation to take part in their Child Protection Week promotion and for making their conference room available for meetings.

Child Protection Week, continued



Literacy for all: "Let's Read" – The Smith Family Stall for Child Protection Week.



"Bidgerdii": Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Community Health Service Stall



Face-painting Central: Australian Red Cross Stall



Pet-Friendly: The RSPCA stall



Proactive on Child Safety: The Rockhampton Safety House stall



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Fantastic Effort

Wellington Point colourfully triumphant

WELLINGTON Point Safety House Committee celebrated IMA's birthday with a colouring-in competition run in conjunction with SHAQI. The entries were of a very high standard which made judging difficult.

Well done to Ethan, Racheael, Cienna, Georgia, Carla, Hannah, Jai, Scott, Harmony, Carla, Morgan and Kimberley. We hope you enjoy your prizes.

All entries were then forwarded to SHAQI for judging. Well done to Jessica, Rowan and Carla who were placegetters in SHAQI's colouring in competition.



The Committee also wishes to thank the School's principal, Carmel Astbury, for her kind support and all the students who entered.

What is Policelink?

New initiative for reporting non-urgencies

Policelink 131 444 is the new number in Queensland to report non-urgent incidents including:

- wilful property damage
- stealing offences
- break and enters
- stolen vehicles
- lost property.

Policelink 131 444 aligns with the national number for non-urgent police assistance and is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Policelink enhances service to the public by giving police officers more time to perform operational duties and improving frontline police response times.

When should you call Policelink?

- Any time that you wish to report a non-urgent crime or incident.
- If the crime is not happening now, there is nothing life-threatening or there is little likelihood of the offenders still being in the area, the phone Policelink 131 444 for non-urgent assistance.

You can also contact Policelink for general non-urgent enquiries.

What happens when you phone 131 444?

When you contact Policelink, specifically trained Client Service Officers and Police Technical Advisors will receive and process your non-urgent reports and answer general enquiries. Where

appropriate, Policelink staff may issue you with a crime report number for insurance purposes.

In many cases, your report will be finalised on the first phone call.

Why contact Policelink?

Contacting Policelink 131 444 provides you with an efficient way to report non-urgent incidents, thus saving travelling time and transport costs to your nearest police station.

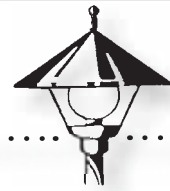
Your phone call to Policelink also provides the Queensland Police Service with more time to reinvest into proactive policing initiatives. For example, reporting your stolen wheelie bin or garden hose via Policelink instead of having an officer attending the scene, will enhance community safety through time being reinvested into other operational priorities.

Benefits of Policelink

When you phone Policelink you help reduce the number of calls to existing police stations. Your choice of action increases the ability for frontline police to attend more urgent requests for assistance.

It is expected Policelink will reduce call volumes to Triple Zero (000) at Police Communication Centres, thus leaving emergency lines open for those people who really need it

Information kindly provided by the Rockhampton District Crime Bulletin



SAFETY AUDITS

Making YOUR Community Safer

A Safety Audit is a community initiative which aims to minimise opportunities for crime, particularly violent crime, in public places. Local residents inspect their neighbourhood to determine what action can be taken to make their community safer – e.g. improved public lighting or the trimming of overgrown foliage. An Audit Kit explains the process.

For further information, please contact your local District Crime Prevention Coordinator, or the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch

GPO Box 1440,
Brisbane Qld 4001
Phone: (07) 3234 2111



A Little on Funny Side!

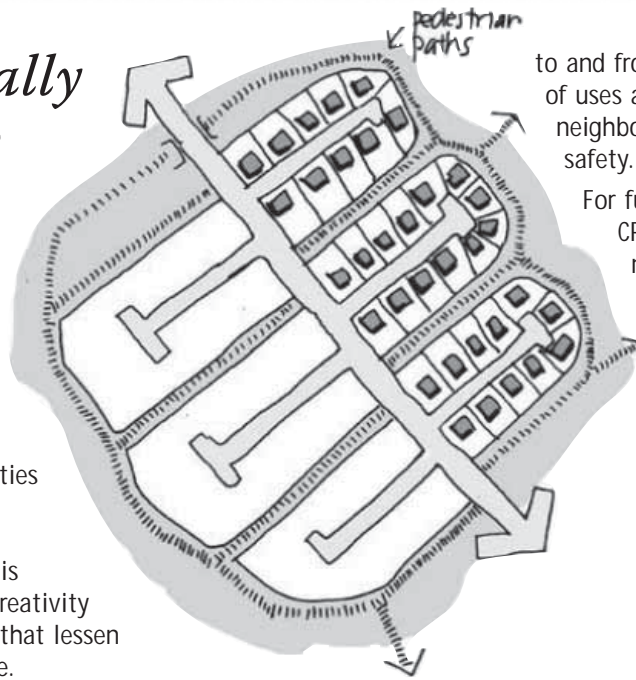
- "If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?" — Abraham Lincoln
- "I'm so poor I can't even pay attention." ...
- "I wonder if people who can't read get the full effect of alphabet soup?"
- **Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?**
- Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.
- **If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?**

Environmentally designed to compromise crime

CRIME Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a proven crime prevention approach which has been shown to reduce opportunities for crime and incivility. The fundamental idea of CPTED (pronounced CEP-TED) is that it is possible to use knowledge and creativity to design environments in ways that lessen or prevent the incidence of crime.

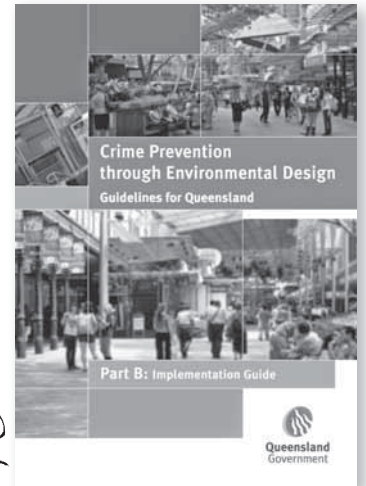
The application of CPTED principles to your home and suburb can dramatically reduce opportunities for offences. Simple CPTED strategies such as trimming foliage, utilising sensor lights, making house numbers clearly visible and keeping your premises maintained, are just some of the tips which are likely to reduce the risks to your property.

For instance, encouraging walking and cycling (where motorists can see them), promoting walking



to and from public transport, and having a variety of uses and therefore people in and around the neighbourhood, are all good ways of increasing safety.

For further information on how you can apply CPTED to your home environment, why not contact your local District Crime Prevention Coordinator or visit the Queensland Police Service CPTED website at: www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimeprevention/cpted.htm



Scams, Scams and More Scams...

Be doubly-wise about 'unbelievable' offers

ASCAM is a crime involving trickery or deception to obtain benefit. Scams target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels across Australia. There is not one group of people more likely than another to become a victim of a scam. If you think you are 'too clever' to fall for a scam, you may take risks of which scammers may skilfully take advantage.

Unscrupulous operators invariably target consumers, with marketing of illegal schemes and propositions. Some of the more common variations include:

- Get rich quick schemes;
- Miracle health products;
- Competitions and lotteries;
- Pyramid/referring selling/multi-level marketing;
- Nigerian loan/investment scams; and
- Work-at-home schemes.

Unfortunately, many Australians are blithely scammed every year. While it is very difficult to track down the person or group who has taken you for a ride, there are some steps that you can take straight

away to mitigate the damage. It's worth being wise to the fact that you may also be a target for a 'follow-up' scam, so you need to take action to prevent the spivs succeeding again.

These tricksters are not just after your money. Scams can also be designed to purloin your personal details. The types of personal information that scammers might ask for include credit card and bank account details, passport details and name and address details – in short, 'identity theft'.

Scammers may try to give you something, such as a 'free' gift or assistance, to get something in return, such as your agreement later on. You may feel obliged to do something in response to this. Protect yourself from these sentiments by recognising the gifts and favours as nothing more than devices to influence you to return the favour.

Misleading or deceptive conduct or an act which is likely to mislead or deceive is likely to contravene section 52 of the Trade Practices Act. Contact the Australian Competition and Consumers

Commission if you think that you've suffered this type of conduct.

There is ample information available on the internet about scams currently marketed worldwide and the precautions to follow. The following links offer advice on spotting scams and methods to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

www.fido.asic.gov.au

www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimeprevention/egrime/scams

www.scamwatch.gov.au

www.accc.gov.au

www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au

To subscribe to weekly updates of scams, send an email to: <FairTradingUpdate@dtrft.qld.gov.au>. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Are they really from Nigeria?

According to one report (March 2010):

More than 50% of these 419 scam messages are designed by cybercriminals located in places other than Africa. Many of the messages have "triggers" designed to lure the victim into sending money.

The triggers that lure include 'stilted expressions' and 'florid styles'... BEWARE!

Plenty of ways to help you at home

HOME Assist Secure (HAS) was established by the Queensland Government in 1993 and now funds 41 services across Queensland. This community service is funded by the Queensland Department of Housing and is supported by the Queensland Police Service. The HAS service provides the following assistance:

THE HOME CHECKLIST BOOK – This contains practical advice about common home maintenance problems and solutions, home safety, legal and consumer protection issues, and sources of further specialised information.

SECURITY HINTS FOR YOU AND YOUR HOME – This includes information on how to make your home more secure and increase your personal security. Subsidised assistance helps people who are unable to obtain alternative assistance with minor home and yard maintenance and repairs.

HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENTS – Police-trained security assessors can inspect your home to help you decide on security-related repairs or installation of security hardware. They can also advise on personal safety issues. This service is only available in locations throughout the State where this program is operating.

To be eligible for free information and referral, you must be a home owner or live in any form of rental housing and be:

- 60 years or over; or
- Of any age with a disability (or living with a family member who has a disability)

In addition to the above, to receive subsidised assistance for work in your home, you need to be:

- Receiving a Commonwealth Govt allowance or payment; and
- Unable to make use of alternative forms of assistance, such as family or friends, Home and Community Care, Veterans Affairs or Department of Communities, Housing and Homelessness Services.

For further information, contact HAS on 1300 880 882 or visit their website at: www.housing.qld.gov.au/programs/ch/support/has.htm

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

KIDS HELP LINE is Australia's only free, confidential and anonymous, 24-hour telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 18.



Vote 1 For HUMOUR!

- It is a curious fact that people are never so trivial as when they take themselves very seriously...
- Humour is like a rubber sword. It allows you to make a point without drawing blood...
- Humour helps us to think out of the box. The average child apparently laughs about 400 times per day, while the average adult laughs only 15 times per day. What happened to the other 385 laughs?
- The kind of humour that I like is what makes me laugh for five seconds and think for ten minutes...

Calendar for Committees

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Relax!	Note Down Good Ideas	Plan Ahead	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Tell Someone about SH

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	Plan Ahead	Note Down Good Ideas	Tell Someone about SH	Plan Personal Priorities	1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Important Tips that could save a life on a driving holiday

DURING 2004 to 2009, more than one in seven fatalities were as a result of fatigue related crashes within Queensland.

It is important to recognise the warning signs of fatigue and take appropriate action, plan ahead and arrange alternative transport. Being awake for more than 16 hours is similar to drinking more than two standard drinks (and having a blood alcohol content of more than .05%), so don't put yourself at risk.

Warning signs include:

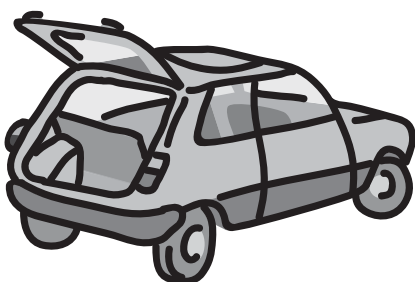
- sore or heavy eyes
- dim or fuzzy vision
- you start 'seeing' things
- droning and humming in the ears
- general tiredness
- stiffness and cramps
- aches and pains
- day-dreaming
- delayed reaction times
- unintentional increases or decreases in speed
- fumbling for gear changes
- car wandering across the road

The Driver Reviver program aims to reduce the effects of driving tired by encouraging motorists to 'STOP REVIVE SURVIVE'.

Tips to avoid driving tired:-

Before driving:

- get plenty of sleep
- plan ahead – work out rest stops and overnight stops
- avoid alcohol
- check medications with your doctor and make sure they won't make you drowsy
- eat sensibly – not too little, not too much



When driving:

- take regular breaks. You should stop for at least 15 minutes every two hours
- share the driving if you can
- use rest areas, tourist spots and driver reviver stops
- stop and rest as soon as you feel tired
- never drive for more than 10 hours in a single day
- get plenty of fresh air.

Rest areas

Rest areas are for you to stop and rest, making your trip safer and more enjoyable. Rest areas are not long-term camping sites, however motorists are able to take extended rest breaks at some sites.

Rules on the length of stay at rest areas vary between controlling authorities. You can stay up to 20 hours, including overnight, at some rest areas.

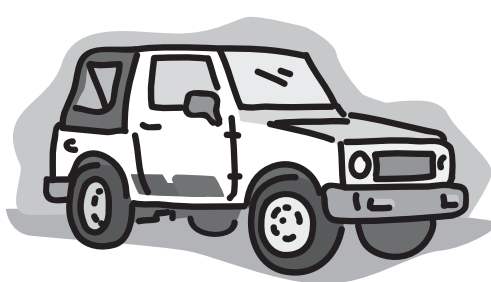
Heavy vehicle rest areas

Heavy vehicle rest areas are only for heavy vehicles. This does not include caravans; they are for truck drivers only.

Audible edge lining

Audible edge lining has been introduced to reduce crashes caused by driving tired. These edge lines, which cause vibration of the car when crossed, alert drivers when their car begins to veer off the road.

Information kindly provided by the Rockhampton District Crime Bulletin



Secure yourself against others' dishonesty

FRAUD is behaviour that is deceptive, dishonest, corrupt or unethical.

For a fraud to exist, there needs to be an offender, a victim and an absence of control or safeguards. Here in Queensland, the law on fraud involves dishonesty in any of these situations:

- Obtaining property belonging to someone else;
- Applying someone else's property to one's own use'
- Causing a detriment to another person or entity;
- Gaining a benefit or advantage for any person; and
- Inducing or causing any person to deliver property to another person.

Common examples of fraud include using false:

- Identities
- Cheques; and
- Credit and EFTPOS cards

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud, please contact your local police station.

For further information on types of fraud and how you can protect yourself, visit the Queensland Police Service Fraud website at: www.police.qld.gov.au/crimeprevention/fraud

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Parentline 1300 30 1300

PARENTLINE is a confidential phone counselling service aimed at providing professional counselling and support for parents and all who have the care of children. • This service is available 8am-10pm, seven days a week, to parents in Queensland and the Northern Territory—for the cost of a local call.

Visit this crime solver's paradise

THE Queensland Police Museum includes 25 displays describing police heritage, Queensland crimes, police investigative techniques, medals, the history of police women, operational equipment and transport, amongst others. Our simulated murder scene is a popular attraction. Why not come in and try your hand at solving this crime.

The museum's research library is home to a monograph collection, as well as archival material and images that date back to 1964. Researchers are welcome to use these facilities, by contacting the Museum to make an appointment. Museum staff can conduct research on your behalf if you are unable to visit the Museum in person.

The Queensland Police Museum is open from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 3pm on the last Sunday of the month (January to November).

Monthly Sunday openings feature guest speakers from across the crime-solving spectrum. The Museum is located on the ground floor of Queensland Police Service Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.

For further details, please contact the Museum on (07) 3364 6432 or visit the Queensland Police Museum website at: www.police.qld.gov.au/aboutus/facilities/museum

Transport to this venue is not a problem because it is directly opposite the Roma Street Railway Station.

Services on offer which help protect your home and possessions

YOUR home is your castle, and the effects that theft and property damage have on people (especially seniors) can be traumatic.



reducing the chances of having personal property stolen or damaged.

The Queensland Police Service has a range of programs to keep your home, business, vehicle and

other property safe from theft and damage. Services available include home security assessments, property security presentations, training and brochures.

For further information contact your local District Crime Prevention Coordinator or visit www.police.qld.gov.au/services/property.

The implementation of simple but effective security strategies can greatly reduce the likelihood of being a victim or a repeat victim of crime.

This section provides advice and security services available to seniors from the Queensland Police Service to assist in

My Exhaustive Resume

The right job at last!

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate!
2. Following that, I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it – mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. My next position was being a Chef. I thought that it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I just couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My next job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next there came a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. After that I found a job in a Workout Centre, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian – until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was making coffee in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. Finally, I tried retirement and found that I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

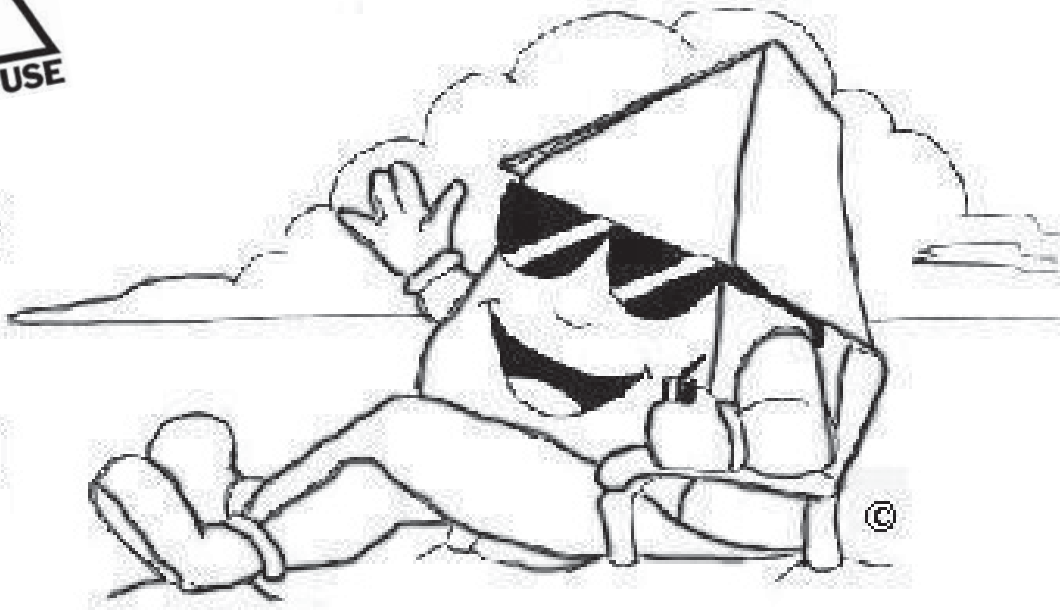
TREVOR



Enjoying Trevor? – You can catch up with more of his antics at www.trevor.com.au



Christmas Holidays



DON'T FORGET — WHEN IN THE SUN

SLIP – on a shirt

SLOP – on the sunscreen

SLAP – on a hat



TAKE CARE OUT THERE, these school holidays!

REMEMBER!

If you are feeling unsure, “Knock on a Safety House Door!”



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