

Murwillumbah Newsletter

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Thomas
GEORGE MP
Member for Lismore

North Coast **NATIONALS**

Help me fight crime in Murwillumbah

Dear Resident,

I am working with Murwillumbah community leaders to reduce local crime and I need your help.

We have declared May as "Report All Crime Month".

Reporting crime not only makes our town safer, it also boosts the statistics the authorities use when deciding where to allocate extra police officers, and we certainly need more police in Murwillumbah.

This newsletter contains all the information you need to report crime and suspicious activity. Please keep it handy and use it when the need arises.

In related developments:

- We have formed a new Community Safety Precinct Committee to better coordinate our law and order efforts;
- The Business Chamber has finally locked in the funding for the CCTV cameras; and
- Murwillumbah Neighbourhood Watch groups are growing.

Together we will crack local crime.

Thomas George



CRIME FIGHTERS: Liquor Accord rep Guy Diven, Chamber President Phil Youngblutt, Services Club President Leslie Howard-Smith and local MP Thomas George are working together to crack Murwillumbah crime.

Crime Report Form and Telephone Numbers to Remember Inside



Murwillumbah Contacts

Police



EMERGENCY - Tel: 000

Crime Stoppers - Tel: 1800 333 000

Police Assistance Line - Tel: 131 444

Murwillumbah Police Station - Tel: 6672 9499

81 Main Street, Murwillumbah

Fax: 6672 9411 - Email: tweed@police.nsw.gov.au

Neighbourhood Watch



**WORKING
FOR SAFER
COMMUNITIES**

Murwillumbah Central

Noel Pittaway - Tel: 6672 8688

Bray Park

Douglas Weatherley - Tel: 6672 3584

Wardrop Valley

Des Cartner - Tel: 6677 9340

Uki

Maggie Wilkins-Russell - Tel: 6679 5777

**Support and join
your local group!**

Thomas George MP



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Bray Park's Bat Nightmare

ONE hundred and fifty Bray Park residents attended a crisis meeting to address the local flying fox problem.

A colony of more than 10,000 bats has settled in the area, making life for locals a nightmare.

A State bureaucrat told residents they would have to learn to live with the noise and stench as the animals are protected.

Mr George said this was completely unsatisfactory and vowed to take up the fight to have the flying foxes relocated in a humane way.

For more information call Thomas George on 6672 7577.



Murwillumbah TAFE Visit



Murwillumbah TAFE Campus Manager Marj Goward introduces Thomas George and Andrew Stoner to local students.

THOMAS George recently brought Shadow Education Minister and NSW Leader of the Nationals Andrew Stoner to Murwillumbah to visit TAFE.

The Nationals are campaigning against the State Labor Government's decision to increase TAFE fees by a whopping nine per cent this year.

The Nationals argue that the State's skills shortage means TAFE fees should be frozen at 2007 levels for the next three years.

A statewide petition to this effect is available from Mr George's office, tel: 6621 3624.

Thomas George praised the important role Murwillumbah TAFE plays in the community.

Campus Manager Marj Goward is Secretary of the Murwillumbah Business Chamber.

Save Murwillumbah Hospital



Thomas George and Hospital Support Committee members Des Ireland and Ian Ross raise concerns with local media.

THOMAS George is working with the Murwillumbah District Hospital Support Committee for the future of the institution.

Mr George arranged a meeting between the committee and the Health Minister late last year.

Committee member Des Ireland told the March Murwillumbah Chamber breakfast meeting there appeared to be a policy to 'downgrade the hospital by stealth'.

Mr George said this must not be allowed to happen, adding that the growing town needed more health services, not less.

He has called on the Health Minister to hold a North Coast public hearing of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW health system.