

Childers Police Station

The Beattie Government has unveiled plans for the design of the new \$455,000 Childers Police Station.

Member for Burnett, Trevor Strong, invited the community to examine plans for the new station and provide feedback about the new policing facility.

"The plans will be on display at my electorate office at 65 Churchill Street, Childers, and

at the Childers Police Station itself.

"Land has been acquired at 28 Macrossan Street, Childers, adjacent to the current police station. Construction will commence in the next few months with completion due later this year.

"I'm delighted to see this project progressing. When I was elected, I promised the people of

Burnett that I would be working hard to secure a new much needed police facility Childers.

"The Government has provided new stations for South Ko. and Agnes Water in the last 10 years and now, a new station Childers. This support represents a direct investment in the safety of the businesses and families of our community.

Local volunteers check coral reef

Local volunteers from the Woongarra Marine Park Monitoring and Education Project (WMP-MEP) in Bundaberg are collaborating with local dive companies and marine scientists from James Cook University to check the health of the reef, as part of the global initiative 'Reef Check'.

Volunteers are trained by marine biologists from James Cook University to seek out signs of human impacts on coral and other reef animals.

Reef Check co-ordinator for Queensland, Jos Hill, says, "It's great to see local people taking responsibility for coral reefs by helping us to collect these data. The information gathered by volunteers will be used by reef managers, and will help to build a picture of coral reef health around the world."

Over the past four months, local teams along the Queensland coast have been trained to monitor reefs throughout the Great Barrier Reef region.

Volunteers look for signs of impacts such as algal blooms, as well as identification of healthy reef indicators, such as lobsters and sea cucumbers.

Local WMPMEP project officer, Liz Tanner, welcomes the opportunity to expand local coastal monitoring and conservation efforts. "Our community volunteer group is already involved in collecting valuable data about coral and water quality along the Woongarra coast. Training with Reef Check scientists provides new field skills and enhances our appreciation for the excellent fringing reef in our region."

Reef Check training and monitoring for the Bundaberg coast and Capricorn Bunker Group of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is planned for July 2003.

Check out the web-site at www.widebay.net/wmpme under Benthic Monitoring, and for an overview of Reef Check, this website is www.reefcheck.org

Speeding has a high cost

Speed related crashes cost the community approximately \$180 million per year in hospital and health care costs, lost productivity in the workplace and the use of emergency services resources.

On average, speeding accounts for approximately 15 per cent of Queensland's road toll each year.

Driving even five kilo-

or sponsor classic

The cycle classic will be known as the Jayco Tour of Queensland, and we look forward to a long-lasting, very rewarding and beneficial relationship between both parties."

The Jayco Tour of Queensland will be held from Monday, November 3, to Saturday, November 8, and will focus on the Wide Bay-Burnett region. The race will be contested by 60 Tour de France level cyclists and will cover a testing 570 kilometres of coastal, rural and cane fields terrain.

Cr Forman said the tour provided an opportunity to showcase and promote the Wide Bay Burnett region to the rest of Australia and the world. "It will highlight our tourism, business and investment opportunities, along with our enviable and healthy lifestyle," he said.

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young person," according to Adam Smith, 22, one of the young people who will select the 'challenge ya' winners.

This is the second year that the 'challenge ya' competition has been run by The Foundation for Young Australians.

"The total prize pool has been increased from \$60,000 last year to \$80,000 this year because of the fantastic response we had to 'challenge ya' last year. We had entries from all over Australia and they were really creative and exciting," said Adam.

More information, including frequently asked questions and entry forms are available at: www.youngaustralians.org <<http://www.youngaustralians.org>> Applications close at midnight, Tuesday, August 19, 2003.

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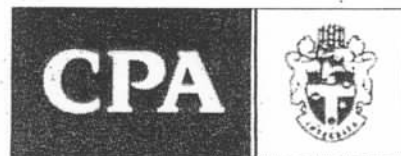
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