

IN BRIEF

Residents taken to hospital after dispute

A MALE in his 30s was transported to Ipswich Hospital with possible spinal injuries after a neighbourhood dispute at a Redbank Plains house late yesterday afternoon.

A second person was also taken to hospital in a stable condition after the incident at Chetwynd Street.

Police and ambulance services were called to the incident about 5.30pm.

Burglaries spoil school holiday season period

BREAK-INS were reported at Tivoli State School and radio station River 94.9 at Raymonds Hill during the weekend.

At the radio station, Ipswich Police responded to an activated alarm at 3am on Saturday. A laptop was found to be missing.

At 10am that day, a police foot patrol discovered the tuckshop at Tivoli Primary School had been broken into.

Police could not determine whether items were stolen.

Brazen thief steals young boy's BMX

TANIA Tapsell, of Bundamba, had to console a very upset six-year-old yesterday when the boy's bike was stolen.

Her son Tumoana Leaf had left his BMX bike with others outside a house in Videroni Street, Bundamba. It was taken between 2am and 5am.

Ms Tapsell said the boy had only bought the light blue Redline bike a few days ago after saving up \$300.

Anyone with information should call the Crime Stoppers free hotline on 1800 333 000.

Boundary changes on the state's horizon

A NEW federal parliamentary seat could be created in the booming Western Corridor region of south-east Queensland on February 13.

Member for Blair Shayne Neumann said a decision by the Australian Electoral Commission would probably hand Queensland one more seat, giving the State 30 seats.

Gas smell at prison sparks air testing

YESTERDAY about midday a fire crew was called out to the Wacol Correctional Centre to investigate a smell of gas in the laundry. The crew conducted air-testing.



DIFFERENCE OF OPINION: Carbon Sense Coalition chairman Viv Forbes believes cutting carbon emissions will achieve nothing except unnecessary disruption. Photo: Mark Straker JA0309SA

Climate concern 'silly'

Sceptic brushes off carbon dioxide fears

ROSEVALE farmer Viv Forbes is on a mission to convince Australians that all the fuss and bother about climate change is just so much hot air.

Founder and chairman of the Carbon Sense Coalition, set up two years ago, Mr Forbes said the Federal Government's newly announced measures to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere were "totally unnecessary".

"What motivated me was that the Environmental Protection Agency was going to classify carbon dioxide as a pollutant," Mr Forbes said.

"Carbon dioxide is what we all live on.

"It's a tiny portion of the atmosphere.



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"We're almost suffering carbon deficiency."

Member for Blair Shayne Neumann said the views expressed by Mr Forbes were "maverick and out of sync" with scientific thinking.

"I prefer to listen to the preponderance of scientific evidence that says climate change is a real event," Mr Neumann said.

"The government has made it very clear that we'll bring in a carbon reduction scheme.

"We're going to ensure that households and businesses are low-carbon."

The Government's carbon reduction scheme, aiming for at least five per cent before 2020, will be up and running in 2010.

The agricultural sector will be exempt for three years.

Mr Forbes, holder of a science degree and a coal industry consultant, doubted that a five per cent reduction could be achieved.

"We're doing something which is totally unnecessary," he said.

"It's silly and it's going to be very expensive and disruptive. "There'll be a huge bureaucracy."

Mr Forbes said temperatures around the globe were actually

cooling, rather than rising.

People should be scared about another ice age, rather than global warming, he said.

"This is an unusually benign and life-friendly period we live in," Mr Forbes said.

"About every 11,000 years, we slip into an ice age."

Mr Forbes views alternative energy like wind and solar power as "just play things" incapable of generating Australia's energy needs.

By 2020, the Government aims to fill 20 per cent of energy needs from renewable resources like wind.

"We're doing this because we think it's necessary for our economy," Mr Neumann said.

Jail terms loom over prison drug smuggle bids

SMUGGLING drugs into Queensland prisons could earn offenders jail time.

This was the stern warning issued by Corrective Services Minister Judy Spence yesterday after the arrest of a 22-year-old Caboolture woman who tried to smuggle drugs on a visit at the

Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre last week.

A search revealed the woman had six Subutex tablets inside her bra.

Subutex is a heroin substitute often used by addicts on rehabilitation programs.

A further search of the woman's

home by police with a Queensland Corrective Services drug dog found three more tablets, believed to be ecstasy, a water pipe bong and 19 used syringes.

The woman has been charged with supplying dangerous drugs to a correctional facility, possession of a dangerous drug,

possession of drug utensils and failure to dispose of syringes in a proper manner.

Ms Spence said a security crackdown at all correctional centres had also located 15 litres of "prison brew" in an exercise yard at the Borallon Correctional Centre.

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