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Public assistance,

Charleville

AT about 7.30am on September 4, Police attended Edward St where they located a white Toyota Hilux which had been reported stolen from Longreach the previous day.

Police are seeking the public's assistance with any information in relation to the identity of the offender/s.

Please contact Charleville Police on 4654 1200 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have any information.

Fires, Charleville

AT about 2.20pm on September 4, Police were called to a small grass fire in Kyte Street which was starting to burn out of control. Police called Toowoomba Fire-

com to advise them of the situation.

They proceeded to scene and observed the grass fire moving fast up a levee bank behind a Kyte St address.

There were several persons present using buckets of water, skid steers and hoses, trying to extinguish the fire.

QFRS arrived a short time later and the fire was brought under control.

An informant stated to Police that the fire quickly spread due to dry grass and wind over an area of about 100m by 50m.

Two youths identified as being responsible for lighting the fire have been behaviourally counselled.

Police would like to remind the community to be vigilante during these dry times. Due to the dry conditions and

high winds small fires can get out of control and pose a serous threat to life and property.

Noise Abatement Direction explained

AGAIN noise complaints have come to the surface with 10 Noise Abatement Directions handed out in the last three days

Charleville Police has expe-rienced a large number of calls for service in relation to loud parties especially over the weekends.

Police would like to remind residents of their obligations in relation to this matter and expose several myths about noise complaints.

Myth: I can have my stereo loud until 10pm.

Busted: A noise complaint can be reported at any time during the day or night.

Myth: Police need a warrant to enter my yard. **Busted:** Police can enter a home

and if they deem the noise is \$1000.

above an acceptable level to give the occupant a direction to stop creating the noise.

Myth: Police cannot take my stereo. Busted: Items used in a noise of-

fence can be confiscated for 24 hours

Myth: Police must tell me who complained.

Busted: Police are not obliged to release any information as to who has phoned in the noise complaint.

Legislation on noise abatement gives police officers the right to hand out on-the-spot tickets and notices to appear in court to anyone who fails to comply with a direction.

Police rely on the public to call back if they weren't satisfied the noise had stopped.

On-the-spot fines of \$200 can be handed out to offenders while court fines range from \$200 to

Life changed after safari

first national McCurran & Co Getting the results... 235 Alfred Street



CATHY Booth never expected a Kenyan safari would change her life so dramatically.

Upon seeing the horrific problems the country has faced yet managed to overcome, the former Charleville local felt compelled to help.

"Despite their struggles, they always had a smile on their faces," she said.

"I had seen poverty in many countries, and been touched by much human suffering, but Kenya affected me deep within my soul."

Mrs Booth returned to the country last June to volunteer at an orphanage in what she described as "one of the most rewarding experiences of my life".

Upon returning to Australia, she decided to start her own charity Umoja Home with the goal of building her own self-sustainable orphanage.

"As a child I always wanted to grow up and work in an orphanage, but my life took a different path.," she said.

"Umoja Home is the foundation for creating Umoja Orphanage Kenya to help give orphans and vulnerable children in Africa a second chance at life."

Mrs Booth, whose maiden name is Hannah, has very close links to Charleville and she was hoping a few old family friends would like to get involved with her charity.

"Charleville is my hometown and my parents were very well known out here," she said.

"My father Bill was a local shearer and worked at Bellevue Cafe and my mother Betty worked at Pall Mall.

"If anyone wants to visit the website and donate or even hold a fun-



CHARITABLE: Cathy Booth was so moved after her time in Kenya that she decided to start her own charity to assist the local children.

Photo: Contributed

would be wonderful. "They can donate as little as one

dollar. Anything to help raise money to get the orphanage built."

Mrs Booth said she hoped to have the orphanage completed by 2013, but there was still a lot of work to be done including purchasing the land and designing the building.

"I know it will be a long road, but

draising event of some kind that everyone who knows me can vouch for my determined nature, and knows that I thrive on the obsta-

cles of a challenge," she said. When the going gets tough I on-

ly need to remember the personalities and potential of each child I met at the Kenyan orphanage.'

For more information on how you can get involved with this wonderful cause visit http://umojahome .com/home.







10 Cypress Street

Auction was held on Thursday, September 1

Keep an eye out for the next auction event held by McCurran & Co First National

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