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## Blitz on hooners nabs 245

BY BRAD HARRIS

MOBIL: They got people here from caught in Chapel St last night police blitz called operation - GUNTS 4.

A similar blitz in September netted 200 offences.

Senior Sergeant Robert Johnson said the numbers of offenders was high.

“It is the huge number of people who come in to the metropolitan precinct, there will always be a proportion of people who appear to be uneducated motorists,” he said.

There had previously been two fast roaders on Thursday 14 near the Chapel St intersection, Senior Sgt Johnson said.

“We want police operations was aimed at improving public safety and delivering a more intensive message to offensive and criminal behaviour to the metropolitan precinct’s major commercial precincts.

The multi-agency approach, involving police, the Environmental Protection Authority and the City of Stonnington, resulted in 245 offences including drink driving and speed-related offences, inappropriate vehicles, illegal mobile phone use and speeding road signs.

Police unit Forward Commander Kaitiaki O’Connell led the 2004 operation.

 at a glance

- WEHHS:** Chapel St
- CAUTION:** Slippery 200 people
- ACCIDENTS:** five
- CRASH DRIVING:** two

Police on October 15, from 11:00pm to 1:00am, mainly (mostly) near the intersection of Chapel St, Elizabeth St and the intersection of Chapel St intersection and local police.

During the blitz, 100 people were arrested and 245 offences were recorded. The offences were for drink driving, illegal mobile phone use, inappropriate vehicles, illegal mobile phone use and speeding road signs.

Police Sergeant Kaitiaki O’Connell said the blitz was a success. The police operation will continue throughout the year.

He’s a water warrior with smarts



Prophet prophet Luke Mitchell is a water warrior, who's taken great friendly design to environmental. His contribution has been recognized by the Melbourne Museum, which has singled out one of his projects to appear on its public in the upcoming National Water Week. More on his water warrior career, Page 2.

Photo: Greg Gorman/ABC

# Smart house slows the flow

SUVI MAHONEN

AN INNOVATIVE house in Prahran will open to the public later this month to educate people about water saving.

The house, designed by Prahran architect Luke Middleton, is on display as part of Melbourne Museum's National Water Week celebrations.

Mr Middleton, who built the Wrights Terrace house in 2002 from recycled materials, said it was a good example of a water-smart home.

He said the house saved up to 100,000 litres of water a year through the use of water-efficient appliances and collected rainwater.

The 15,000-litre corrugated iron water tank can collect 6000 litres of rainwater in an hour and can slash household consumption by almost 70 per cent.

The tank water is used on gardens and to flush the toilet, saving 164,000 litres a year on average.

"People don't understand how much water you can save just by implementing simple design elements such as water-efficient shower heads and strategically



Luke Middleton's house cuts water use by almost 70 per cent a year.

Picture: TOM CAMPBELL. N21MP296A1

designed gardens," Mr Middleton said. "Even reducing the water pressure to the house can save phenomenal amounts of water."

Mr Middleton encouraged people to see the house and learn about responsible construction.

Museum Victoria sustainable futures curator Liza Dale Hallett said the museum had developed extensive programs and activities designed to engage visitors about the importance of saving water.

Tours of water smart homes and

gardens are on until November 21. The Prahran house will open to the public on Sunday November 21. Cost: \$5 a person.

Bookings essential, phone: 1300 130 152 or e-mail [visitorprograms@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorprograms@museum.vic.gov.au)

## Forum focus on bullying

INVOLVING parents and the community in anti-bullying programs is the best way to protect young children, says the National Coalition Against Bullying.

The coalition will host a half-day forum on bullying in the community, in Melbourne early next month.

University of South Australia Associate Professor of Social Psychology, Ken Rigby, and Centre for Child Health Promotion Research director Donna Cross will be guest speakers.

A coalition statement said community-based intervention could prevent bullying, not only in schools but across society.

It was now evident that bystanders' behaviour could often determine whether bullying episodes continued or stopped, the coalition statement said.

*Bullying in the Community: Hearsay or Happening? Some Strategies That Work*, is on Friday, December 3. Cost: \$75. Inquiries: 9830 7460.



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