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Free bike security event at Port Coogee

Summer is peak time for beach activities, including those of criminals stealing bicycles and breaking into parked cars.

The City of Cockburn in co-operation with Fremantle Police and the Public Transport Authority will host a beachside crime prevention event **9-11am Sunday, 18 February** beneath a marquee at Ngarkal Beach, Port Coogee.

The free event will incorporate Beach Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, CoSafe and the *Look Lock Leave*, and *If it's not D-locked it's not Locked* campaigns.

Members of the public can find out more about how to keep their bikes, cars and other possessions safe at the beach, especially parking areas, which are hot spots for opportunistic crime.

Det Sgt Phil Gazzone of Fremantle Police said the suburb of North Coogee experienced high rates of bicycle theft, particularly along Robb Road, Heirisson Way, Breaksea Drive and Medina Parade near Ngarkal Beach in Port Coogee.

City of Cockburn representatives will promote public awareness of its community safety and security services, hand out a limited number of free bike D-locks and provide information about marking property with UV pens and joining Australia's National Bike Register.

D-locks for bicycles were first promoted by Transperth in 2015 as they are much stronger than chain link locks and less likely to be cut by thieves, especially when parking bikes in public places.

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