



STUNNED BY DEATHS: Police chat to a neighbour at Allan Ave yesterday after discovering the dead couple.

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Girl orphaned by brutal death of both parents

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ACTING Detective Inspector Daren Edwards said the grandparents had raised the alarm and contacted Beerwah Police when efforts to reach the couple failed yesterday morning and they became concerned for their loved ones' welfare.

The little girl, whose age was not revealed, was picked up from school on Friday and spent the night at a sleepover at her grandparents' house.

By 12.30pm yesterday, both her parents were dead.

The officers gained entry into the house where they were confronted with the unthinkable.

"The investigation is that deceased persons have obvious injuries to them," Acting Det Insp Edwards said.

"There is no other person at this time that we need to speak to.

"So we are just trying to piece together what has



Acting Detective Inspector Daren Edwards holds a press conference on the deaths of a Glasshouse Mountains couple.

taken place yesterday through to this discovery this morning and what may have transpired at that residence.

"It was quite disturbing to

find them the way they have been found."

Police spent yesterday and most of last night at the home, taking evidence and interviewing neighbours to

piece together how the two were killed.

The lower end of Allan Ave was closed to traffic yesterday afternoon as police set up a crime scene.

Many neighbours stayed inside as the hordes of police and media arrived.

Those who came to check out the commotion said the incident was "shocking" and out of the ordinary.

Some said the couple and their daughter kept to themselves.

"This is a residential area, quite a nice area, where middle-aged people with children is the normal make-up," Acting Det Insp Edwards said.

"Police and neighbours are very surprised and a lot of neighbours aren't aware of what has transpired in that residence.

"It is a nice neighbourhood and certainly something out of the ordinary for the area."

Anyone needing support or information about suicide prevention should contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 and for those affected by suicide, please contact StandBy Response Service on 0407 766 961.

Thieves steal nippers' board

YOUNG lifesavers have been left without vital training equipment after thieves kicked their way through the Ithaca Caloundra City Life-saving Club headquarters.

The small but close-knit lifesaving fraternity, with its clubhouse on the boardwalk at Bulcock Beach, was disappointed to arrive to patrols yesterday morning to find thieves had kicked their way through a storage area and stolen a nippers' paddle board.

The board is used to train young lifesavers before they are old enough to use fibreglass paddleboards.

Ithaca Caloundra City Lifesaving Club treasurer Paul Barry said the theft was a blatant disregard for a community service, kept afloat with donations and grants.

"We are only a small club and we don't have a poker machine palace to generate funds," Mr Barry said.

"This is the third time we have been broken into in the past few years.

"This is really disappointing and just leaves a bad taste in your mouth."

Ithaca has only 40 active patrolling members who keep watch on Bulcock Beach.

Across Pumicestone Passage is the Caloundra Bar - a notorious spot for rescues.

"If someone can please return the board to the club, it will be no questions asked," Mr Barry said.

"We just want the board back."



STOLEN: The board thieves took from Ithaca Caloundra Lifesaving Club.

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New committee to drive fisheries review

THE State Government has called for applications to join the ministerial advisory committee to guide a review into the state's fisheries management.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister John McVeigh said he was seeking applications from individuals and groups with experience in all fishery sectors and regions.

"The ministerial advisory committee will include people from across the recreational, commercial, indigenous, charter/tourism, seafood marketers and conservation sectors," he said.

"The selection process will also aim to achieve a spread across regions, knowledge and skill sets."

Mr McVeigh said the re-

view was aimed at simplifying fisheries management and improving sustainability of fish stocks.

"The Queensland Government is committed to finding solutions for better management, and this review will help determine a new approach for our fisheries," he said.

"The bottom line is - this is about creating a better sys-

tem to manage one of our most important natural resources - fisheries."

Expressions of interest for the committee close April 14.

For more information <http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/fisheries/consultations-and-legislation/reviews-surveys-and-consultations/fisheries-management-review> or call 13 25 23.