

► **Missing wheelchair returned to young Forest Lake boy**

POLICE have located and returned a wheelchair that was in a vehicle stolen from out the front of a family home in Forest Lake last Tuesday night. The wheelchair was found

damaged and dumped on a nature strip on Logan Reserve Rd, Waterford West two nights later. It has since been returned to the eight-year-old boy.

The wheelchair was the only way the young boy could get around. The stolen car was also recovered and returned to the owners.

A 35-year-old Goodna man is currently assisting police with their investigations. Suspicious activity should be reported to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.



Serving up lamb, from gate to plate

By CHRIS OWEN

IF you ever take a weekend drive to the Western Downs south of Roma, chances are you'll get to meet your next Sunday roast.

An innovative Seventeen Mile Rocks businesswoman and her farming family, based in the Maranoa, have come up with an initiative that takes food virtually straight from the paddock to your plate.

In this case the food is premium organic lamb – comparatively inexpensive lamb, at that, because Amy Tiller and her family say they have eliminated the “middle man” from the process of buying your meat.

“Amy Tiller: Selling lamb this way is a win-win situation not only for the farmers but the consumers as well.

Their operation is a simple one: Amy's father Adrian produces dorper lambs on his property which he transports to his daughter in Brisbane, who then delivers fresh to the householder.

Ms Tiller said the concept of “gate to plate” had become a popular and current means of distributing stock

“Many people now want to know the origins of their family's food and be reassured it has not travelled long distances to reach them,” she said.

“They also want to know how long the meat has been butchered



SERVED FRESH: Siwa Fresh is a new organic lamb and goat company started by Amy Tiller and her farmer dad Adrian Tiller.

and sitting on the shelf - which is something supermarkets cannot always provide.”

Ms Tiller said the family's new venture, called Siwa Fresh, started in March and had been growing in demand by word-of-mouth.

“When I began selling this product, I could not believe how many people were grateful to hear of us,” she said.

“It's hard work, but a lot of farmers are fed up travelling long distances with their stock and getting

paid peanuts by the main distributors.

“Selling lamb this way is a win-win situation not only for the farmers but the consumers as well.”

For more information visit www.siwafresh.com.au.

IN BRIEF

Unlawful wounding

POLICE have charged a man after an incident in Gables on Thursday afternoon, where another man was seriously assaulted. Police were called to a Waterford Rd address after reports of an altercation between two men about 2pm. A 49-year-old Camira man was transported to the Princess Alexandra Hospital with serious head injuries after another man allegedly struck him with a hammer and stabbed him in the neck with a sharp implement. A 26-year-old Gables man has been charged with assault occasioning bodily harm whilst armed.

Free movies in the park

IPSWICH residents are getting ready to enjoy a summer of fun at Ipswich City Council's Fit Flicks Movies in the Park program for 2012-2013. The next screening will be We Bought a Zoo which will screen from 6.30pm on November 10, at Brothers Leagues Club in Wildey St, Raceview. Information about each event is available on the council's website at www.ipswich.qld.gov.au. Inquiries about the Fit Flicks Movies in the Park program can be directed to the council on 3810 6666.

Funding for local groups

STATE Member for Mount Ommaney Tarnya Smith has welcomed the allocation of nearly \$60,000 for three local community groups. Beyond Zero Emissions Inc will receive more than \$13,000 to purchase equipment, Centenary Canoeing and Kayaking Club Inc will receive almost \$6000 to purchase a trailer and portable goals, and the Jamboree Community Kindergarten Inc will receive nearly \$32,000 to upgrade their playground. Information on the State Government grants can be found at: <http://www.qld.gov.au/services/grants/>.

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