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BAYSIDE

Police voice warning to lock up as thieves target bikes

THIEVES are having a "free for all" thanks to cyclists who don't lock up their bikes, police say.

Sergeant Mick Sewell said bike theft is on the rise throughout Bayside as crooks prowl the streets looking for easy targets.

Thieves are stealing mid-range to high-end bikes, including a \$60,000 hit on a bike store in April.

Avid Windsor cyclist Jeremy Williams was the victim of bike theft after a man brazenly stole his "pride and joy", a \$4500 customised Giant road bike, from out the front of the Turning Point Cycles store earlier this month.

Mr Williams was in the store for mere minutes on June 8 and was keeping half an eye on his bike parked outside the front door when the man stole it from the busy footpath in broad daylight about 12.30pm.

"I was in complete shock and utterly shattered," Williams said.

Details: Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 336

ALBERT PARK



Californian obstetrician Daniel Potter, who specialises in egg donors and surrogacy, with the year-old Lucy and her father Stuart.

Making modern families

US OBSTETRICIAN HELPING AUSSIES HAVE BABIES

Dana McCauley

STUART Gent's daughter Lucy is a daddy's girl.

But unlike most children, the five-year-old has two fathers and was born to a surrogate in the US.

Last week at Albert Park, the Gents reunited with Daniel Potter, the Californian obstetrician who made their family a reality.

Mr Gent said that as a gay man his parenthood options had been limited.

The IT manager paid \$US160,000 for a separate egg donor and surrogate.

"Lucy knows where she's come from, so she's never going to have a surprise," Mr Gent said.

Though single when Lucy was born, Mr Gent met his partner Craig 18 months later. "We don't consider ourselves to be any different from other families," he said.

Mr Gent said commercial surrogacy, which is illegal in Victoria, should be available here.

"People should have the choice," he said.

Dr Potter said Australians entering surrogacy arrangements made up a large proportion of his work, with demand from same-sex couples rising.

Dr Potter ran seminars for potential patients in Melbourne last week.

fast lane

Herald Sun Sunday

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News Limited chief executive Kim Williams said. The awards culminate in a national ceremony televised by Network Ten. Nomination forms are in today's paper or nominate at prideofaustralia.com.au until July 15. Visit the Pride of Australia Facebook page or Twitter @prideofa.

Film costumes

COSTUMES have leapt from the screen and landed at a shopping centre near you.

The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) major exhibition this year is Hollywood Costumes, direct from London's Victoria and Albert Museum. Wazzfield Southland and ACMI will bring items from the exhibition to the shopping centre, including replica costumes from Gone with the Wind, 7 Year Itch and Shakespeare in Love on show until July 1. The display is on an Level 2, near the Style Lounge.

Get your grant

BAYSIDE not-for-profit groups are eligible for State Government grants of up to \$100,000 to restore community facilities.

Applications for the 2013 Small Capital Infrastructure Grants Program close Friday. Details: multicultural.vic.gov.au

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