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BILPIN BUSINESS DAMAGED BY BUSHFIRE LEFT DEVASTED BY LOOTING

Local Hawkesbury business Tutti Frutti has been left devastated by looting after suffering extensive damage to its property and possessions from the Gospers Mountain fire.

The owners of the business lost their iconic café when fires tore through Bilpin last month. A newly purchased water pump to replace the previous one damaged in the bushfires was stolen, much to the owners' despair.

Hawkesbury Local Area Command Superintendent Jim Stewart said the crime was “a disgraceful act against the most vulnerable in our community at this time” and the Police were “conducting a criminal investigation to arrest and place the offender or offenders before the court”.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said “The crime was reprehensible at a time when the town is pulling together to rebuild. I urge the community to remain vigilant and report any criminal activity to Crime Stoppers on **1800 33 000**.”

“Despite what has happened, it is heartening to witness the overwhelming community spirit and resilience demonstrated by the people of Bilpin, particularly the resolve of the owners to keep soldiering on through such difficult circumstances.”

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