

Police issue plea for new information about Marilyn Wallman's skull on 44th anniversary of her murder

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PHOTO: [Marilyn Wallman's family believe people in](#)

[the community have important information.](#) (Supplied)

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Police investigating the murder of Marilyn Wallman have appealed for new information about her skull on the 44th anniversary of her disappearance.

The 14-year-old from Mackay disappeared in 1972 while riding her bike to school on what is now Wallmans Road.

Her brothers found her bike and school bag shortly after she vanished.

Last year, [DNA testing confirmed that a partial skull found in 1974 belonged to Marilyn.](#)

Superintendent Bruce McNab said police wanted to hear from anyone who had information about her skull.

"If anyone heard of anyone who had possession of human remains around that time, whatever their origin may have been, we're asking for those people to come forward," he said.



PHOTO: [Police believe Marilyn Wallman was wearing](#)

[this watch when she vanished.](#) (ABC News: Rachel Riga)

Superintendent McNab said the cold case was reviewed in 2015 and police decided to use geologists to conduct a scientific examination of the area where her skull was found.

The examination included soil samples to determine how much the landscape had changed.

"On the 14th of March, 2016, an examination of the land, including an old privately used dump, commenced with officers and scientists from Brisbane and Sydney," Superintendent McNab said.

"The scientists are preparing a report. We're considering the result of the forensic examinations of that area and that will assist us with our investigations into the future."

Superintendent McNab said a two-tone aqua-white Holden sedan, HD or HR model was seen in Wallmans Road on the day Marilyn went missing.

"That vehicle is of significant interest to us," he said.

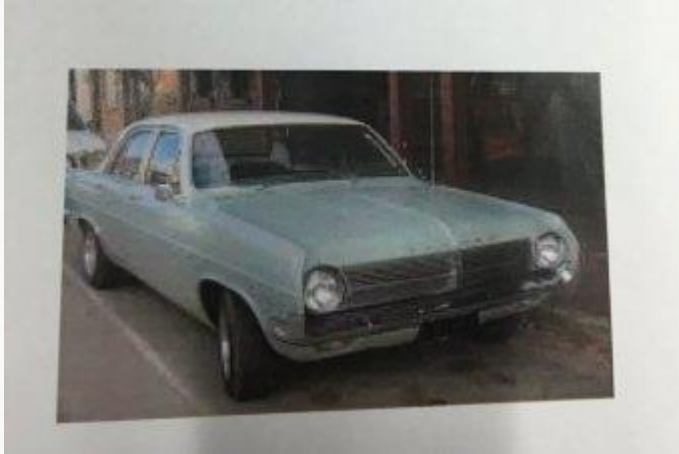


PHOTO: [Police are seeking information about a Holden sedan seen when Marilyn disappeared.](#) (Supplied: Queensland Police)

"We are appealing for information from anyone who may have seen that vehicle in the vicinity of Wallman Road.

"Or may have seen that vehicle between the Wallman Road area and Mirani-Mount Ossa Road area at Mount Martin."

Superintendent McNab said police wanted to hear from anyone with information about the Fleece brand of watch Marilyn was wearing at the time of her disappearance.

Superintendent McNab said the watch and the car were mentioned in the media when Marilyn disappeared in 1972

Members of the public can help solve mystery

"Another key aspect of this investigation is that some 40 years after this event took place, people came forward with information about some things that they saw at that time," Superintendent McNab said.

"We believe and we know that there are people in the community now who know things that they may think are inconsequential and not of any importance, that may shed some light on this tragedy.

"If you have that information, I would ask that you channel it through Crime Stoppers.

"This remains fresh in the minds of the Wallman family who are searching for answers in relation to the disappearance of their daughter and loved one."

Marilyn's brother Rex said the family was pleased with the progress of the investigation.

"The most important thing is the information that we get from the community," he said.

Mr Wallman said the family had to keep Marilyn's name in the community to ensure the information kept coming in.

"It's an extremely emotional time but it's something that we need to be strong about. Our appeal is to the public, we need answers to find out what happened to Marilyn."