Be prepared for the swoop from above

MAGPIE swooping season is back and the residents of Gretel Drive, Beachmere, are among the first to come under attack.

One victim, Carol Malivoire, said the bird was targeting people between street numbers 16 and 35.

“I cannot walk outside my home without being attacked, as was the case when I went to collect a neighbour’s mail just two doors away,” she said.

“I was struck on my helmet when I rode down the street on my bike, and it attacks children living in the street. “I find this most dangerous trying to wave off the attack, as well as keep an eye on any cars, and feel an accident will occur one day.”

She said she was quoted $400 to relocate it.

From now until the end of October, magpies are set to create havoc for joggers, cyclists and anyone wandering too close to their territory.

“We’ve clocked them at 70km/h,” said Griffith University urban ecologist Darryl Jones. “Incredibly, they are able to recognise faces and tend to single-out victims,” he said.

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