



Three hurt in train smash

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A YOUNG child and two women were rushed to hospital with serious injuries when their car smashed into a cane train in Cairns yesterday.

The child received chest injuries, one woman's leg was broken and the other suffered chest injuries from the steering wheel when their vehicle collided with the train on Robert Rd, Bentley Park, just after 3.30pm.

Mulgrave Central Mill's locomotives only began operating on Tuesday, prompting police to remind motorists to be alert, particularly near railway tracks.

Nearby resident Errol Warner said he heard the train sound its horn before the sickening noise of the car smashing into it.

"By the time the train stopped, it was across the road," Mr Warner said.

"The car had significant damage to its front passenger side."

A police spokeswoman said people should not park or stop on rail lines, always watch for stop signs and flashing lights and not ride on or near bins laden with cane.

"Parents are urged to discuss railway safety with their children and remind them it takes a considerable amount of time for a cane locomotive to stop," she said.



Heavy impact: Three people were injured when their car and a cane train collided on a level crossing at Robert Rd, Bentley Park, yesterday. The accident happened only days after Mulgrave Mill cane trains started running.