

Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Now in our 22nd year in Ferny Grove

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From the Committee

While crime within the Ferny Grove area remains low, there has been a slight increase in break and enters and number plates being stolen in surrounding suburbs.

Given the time of year, we are also seeing an increase in computer and telephone scams, purportedly from the ATO and other agencies.

Over the page are tips provided by the Police, for increasing the safety around homes and businesses and how to deal with scams.

As well as following these tips, as a community we need to remain vigilant in reporting suspicious activity to the Police.

Domestic violence discussion

Members of our committee attended a discussion facilitated by the QLD Government, on domestic and family violence.



Mark Furner, MP, State Member for Ferny Grove, was joined by Hon Yvette D'Ath, State Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, to discuss the Government's implementation of the 140 recommendations from *Not Now, Not Ever - Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* which strives for a change in culture, services and systems to help eliminate domestic and family violence in QLD.

Ideas were discussed on how we as a community can work together to reduce incidences of family and domestic violence.

It was also a good reminder that domestic and family violence can take many forms and sometimes has fatal consequences.

Further info

You can find out more information about the *Not Now, Not Ever* report at: www.qld.gov.au/community/documents/getting-support-health-social-issue/dfv-report-vol-one.pdf

Contact details

If you are escaping domestic and family violence and need a place of safety, or you're concerned about someone you know, don't let your concern become regret. Trust your instinct - phone DVConnect on 1800 811 811.

For urgent situations, phone triple zero (000). For non-urgent situations, you can report domestic and family violence to PoliceLink on 13 1444.



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**Next FG10
NHW meeting
7.00pm
Wednesday
20 July 2016
The Grove
Sports Club**



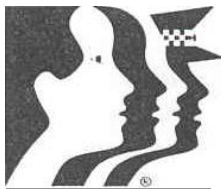
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Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.
Anthony J. D'Angelo





Security tips

Consider the following security tips to make your home or business safer:

- ✓ Install an intruder alarm
- ✓ Install exterior lighting
- ✓ Install solid doors, preferably security doors with double cylinder deadlocks
- ✓ Protect hinges to prevent pin removal
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs so the view of your house is not obscured
- ✓ Lock away items such as ladders which can assist in an offence

Where are your keys?



In the unfortunate event of a break in, don't make it easy for thieves to find your car keys and then take your car.

Store your keys in a draw or cupboard, somewhere out of sight.

Some car keys are fitted with a panic button, so placing your keys beside you at night provides a personal alarm if you wake to noises of an intruder.

By pressing this alarm your car horn will continue to sound until you either turn it off or the car battery dies. This is likely to scare off potential offenders and alert neighbours. It could even be a great way to alert neighbours if you are in need of urgent medical assistance.

Test it. Press the button from your bedroom to test its range.

Recent scams

We are seeing an increase in computer and telephone scams from people purporting to be from genuine businesses or agencies, such as the ATO, AFP, AGL Energy.

For example, fake emails attempt to trick recipients into believing they have received an electricity bill from AGL Energy and directs them to a malicious website after clicking on a hyperlink.

Tips and advice

If you are cold-called or emailed:

- ✗ never provide personal, bank account or credit card details
- ✗ do not open links in emails
- ✗ regularly backup data and unplug your backup drive after backing up
- ✗ ensure your Anti-Virus is current

If you think you've been compromised, contact your bank and credit card provider immediately.

SCAMWATCH

The Federal Government has a site where you can register to receive information relating to current scams, or report a scam. The address is www.scamwatch.gov.au/

Free public Wi-Fi concern

Most of us have done it – accessed free public Wi-Fi while on the train or at the local café. But how secure is it?

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) advises that "A public Wi-Fi hotspot isn't required by law to be secure from potential online threats, so it's best to treat it as unsecured..."

To read how a seven year old girl broke into a Wi-Fi hotspot in 11 minutes, go to the ACMA's story on 'Public Wi-Fi hotspots: food for thought!' at: www.acma.gov.au

For tips on using public Wi-Fi hotspots go to: www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/Library/Citizen-library/Infographics/public-wifi-hotspots

Police blog website

You can visit or subscribe to the blogs, which contain useful and current information. <http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanenorth/>

FG10 NHW Facebook page

Check out our new Facebook page. www.facebook.com/NHWFernyGrove10

Next FG10 NHW meeting

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20 July at The Grove Sports Club.

We would love to see you there, or you can use the contact details below for any issues or topics you want raised at the meeting.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency	000
Ferny Grove Police Station	3872 1555
PoliceLink (non urgent calls)	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000

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