

Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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From the Committee

It's hard to believe we're well into Winter, given the beautiful weather we're experiencing. It lends itself to getting out and about in our lovely suburb to enjoy the large number of walking and cycling paths and parks.

If you're out and about and come across any maintenance issues such as faulty street lights, damaged traffic signs, cracked footpaths or kerbing, potholes etc, you can contact the Brisbane City Council on 3403 8888.



You can also report issues via their website (search on BCC). And, it's a good idea to include a photo if you're contacting them using the online option.

Please don't assume someone has already reported it – better to double up rather than not have it fixed at all.

The next NHW meeting is on Wednesday 19 July and will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with some key players in the prevention of crime:

- Senior Constable Ricky Blanckensee is the newly appointed Crime Prevention Coordinator, stationed at the Ferny Grove Police Station
- Jane Davies is the Crime Stoppers Regional Manager for Brisbane, and coincidentally a Ferny Grove resident

Selling your home

When your home is 'open for inspection', remember that your valuables are also open for inspection. Strangers will be walking through your home, admiring its features and deciding its value. They will open cupboards and wardrobes and see valuable items, and see your prized art works on the walls and crystal ornaments on the shelves.

Here's some helpful advice:

- Ask your real estate agent to record details of those attending the inspection
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure you're covered, as it may classify people attending as invited guests, and nullify your policy
- Remove or lock away valuable items

It may be a good idea to enlist the help of friends to act as monitors in each room. If they see anyone acting suspiciously, tell them to report it immediately to the real estate agent. Although most buyers won't be intending to snoop through your home, it really does pay to heed the advice mentioned above.



**Next FG10
NHW meeting
7.00pm
Wednesday
19 July 2017
The Grove
Sports Club**



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Help the life of one person and you can help the community.
Steven Sawalich



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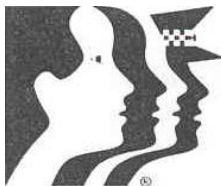
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Emergency app

Emergency+ is a free application developed by Australia's emergency services and their government and industry partners. The application uses GPS functionality built into smartphones to help 000 callers provide location details. Download from your app store.

Sneaky offenders: lock it, check it, don't regret it

In recent weeks police have noticed a number of 'sneak' break and enters of homes in the Inner West Patrol Group area of Brisbane. Suburbs affected include Indooroopilly, Kenmore, Mitchelton, Toowong, Fig Tree Pocket and some other surrounding suburbs.

'Sneak' offences occur when residents are at home and offenders gain entry to the home by slipping in and out of the house quickly, stealing valuables they see within easy reach. In most instances they enter the home through an unlocked door, window or open garage door.

Offences have occurred during the day and night, including the early hours of the morning. Offenders often target wallets, handbags, cash, jewellery, mobile phones and car keys.

Some residents have reported their car stolen using keys stolen from their home.



Security screens on doors and windows are a good deterrent and security measure, however, they must be locked and

the key removed to avoid the key being manipulated by the offender to unlock it and gain entry. Garage doors should be closed and locked even when residents are home. Garage doors are an easy way for offenders to gain entry via the internal garage entry door to the home.

To help prevent offences and deter opportunistic offenders, residents are reminded to secure their home and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to police.

As part of police prevention efforts in the community, more information on techniques for improving home safety can be found on the QPS website <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/csp/homeSecurity/>



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Theft from cars

Lock it or lose it

Opportunistic thieves are targeting cars left unlocked, parked in driveways, secured car parks, carports and on the road. In many cases, victims have left valuables in the car. Thieves take mobile phones, wallets, laptops, work bags and tools.

Always lock doors, close windows and remove valuables when the car is unattended.

Reporting crime

Police rely heavily on reported crime to help identify trends, locate offenders and allocate resources. Without crime reported it's harder to prevent further offences and locate offenders. No crime is too small to report - Police need to know so they can respond.

- **000 (triple zero):** to report life threatening situations or a serious crime in progress
- **131 444 (Policelink):** to report crimes that have already occurred. Also to request police attendance to a non-urgent incident eg noise complaint, suspicious person, lost property etc.
- **Crime stoppers:** to report information about crime anonymously, by calling 1800 333 000 or via crimestoppersqld.com.au 24hrs per day
- **Online reporting and Policelink app:** use the Qld Police website or Policelink phone app to report suspicious activity, noise complaints, drug dealers, hooning etc.

Police blog website

Subscribe to the blog to receive updates: <http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanenorth/>

Next FG10 NHW meeting

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 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
Ferry Grove Police Station	3872 1555
Policelink (non-urgent calls)	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000

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