



# Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Now in our 22nd year in Ferny Grove

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## From the Area Coordinator


Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016. We look forward to keeping the community informed of matters of safety and security and sharing tips on keeping the crime rate low. Let us know what you think by visiting our website or ringing one of our members.

While mowing the footpath recently I wondered why we do it. Sure the BCC is responsible for keeping this area maintained, but can you imagine how our rates would increase if we relied on the Council to keep all footpaths neat and tidy?


Mowing our lawns and footpaths has many benefits. For example, it enables pedestrians to safely use the streets, it provides physical exercise, it increases property values and it signals to the neighbourhood our pride in the suburb.

So congratulations to all our residents who keep their yards and footpaths neat and tidy. It makes our suburb a lot more pleasant to live in, don't you think?

Ian Moller



**Next FG10  
NHW Meeting  
7.00pm  
Wednesday  
16 March 2016  
The Grove  
Sports Club**



**ALL WELCOME**

## What is Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)?

NHW is a program organised by the community and supported by the QLD Police Service to reduce residential crime. It is not a police scheme, however, the police provide expertise to enable our residents to organise themselves for the purpose of minimising crime.

We provide a useful link between our local police and the community for the flow of information on matters of local interest. While we are supported by the QLD Police Service, NHW will only work if the community supports the program.

### Benefits of NHW

- Encourages neighbours to work together to identify and solve problems in their area
- Improves and maintains the relationship between the QLD Police Service and local citizens
- Deters crime by making people aware of proven and effective crime prevention tips

### Ferny Grove 10 NHW

Ferny Grove 10 NHW is part of NHW QLD ([www.nhwq.org](http://www.nhwq.org)) which looks after NHW across the state. There are also blogs and resources available at [www.mypolice.qld.gov.au](http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au).

Our website [www.nhwfernycove10.org](http://www.nhwfernycove10.org) contains lots of information and resources, and copies of the NHW Newsletter, which is distributed every two months to households in the area. This is *your* newsletter, so please contact the Newsletter Editor if you have an article you would like included.


You can also use the website to provide feedback and raise issues concerning safety and security, and general issues concerning the wellbeing of our community.

Our group consists of volunteers, so if you're thinking about getting involved, we meet at the Grove Sports Club on the third Wednesday of every second month, commencing in March.




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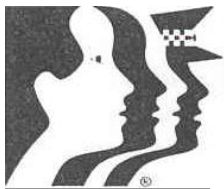


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A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared  
to take the helm – Henrik Ibsen





## Crime prevention is everyone's business!

While Ferny Grove has a low crime rate, it doesn't pay to become complacent. There are many simple measures you can take to increase the security of your home.

Here are some important tips, with many more suggestions available on our website [www.nhwfernygrove10.org](http://www.nhwfernygrove10.org)

### Home security

- Remember to lock your house at night and when you go out, especially security screens and windows
- Install sensor lights or an alarm system
- If you are in the garden or watching TV, lock up parts of the house you can't easily keep an eye on

### Personal safety

- Be alert and aware of your environment and avoid walking in isolated/unlit areas
- Walk with confidence displaying positive body language
- Always keep your bag/wallet close to you and don't leave them unattended

### Car security

- When you leave the car, lock it and close windows and sunroof
- Don't leave valuables on show – not even a coat or empty carrier bag
- Keep car keys away from your front door and out of sight in the home

### Protecting your identity

- Don't provide personal information and data to anyone unless you have reason to trust them or can verify their identity
- Carefully destroy or shred expired documents such as driving licences, passports, credit cards
- Store your valuable official documents (such as passports and birth certificates) as well as financial and accounting records in a secure place

### Cyber safety

- Make your passwords stronger – use numbers, symbols, upper and lower case letters
- Anti-virus software protects your computer – make sure it's up-to-date.
- Emails can contain viruses – only open them if you know who they're from

### Protect yourself from door-to-door and home maintenance scams

- Always ask to see their identification. You don't have to let them in, and they must leave if you ask them to.
- Don't agree to offers or deals straight away: tell them you're not interested or that you want to get some advice first
- ALWAYS get independent advice if an offer involves significant money, time or commitment



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## Reporting an incident

Take note of suspicious behaviour, people and vehicles and report it to police.

In all cases, act quickly and note details of the incident – date, time and full description of any people or vehicles involved, including any distinctive features.

- **000** – emergency calls for Police, Fire Services or Ambulance
- **131 444** – PoliceLink for non urgent calls
- **1800 333 000** – Crime Stoppers with details of any known or suspected crime

## NHW Newsletter and Events

As mentioned, this is *your* newsletter, so please let us know if you have particular topics you would like included in future editions, or maybe some suggestions for NHW events in 2016.

As an example, a successful event held last year was the installing of one way screws on registration plates. This was held at the Ferny Grove shopping centre carpark with Qld Police, Crime Stoppers and Ferny Grove NHW teaming up to process 72 registration plates.

You might also consider having the NHW team attend your local event.

To provide suggestions, please contact the Newsletter Editor, use the feedback form on our website [www.nhwfernygrove10.org](http://www.nhwfernygrove10.org), or attend our next meeting.

## Next FG10 NHW meeting

Our first meeting for 2016 will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16 March 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	<b>000</b>
Ferny Grove Police Station	<b>3872 1555</b>
PoliceLink (non urgent calls)	<b>131 444</b>
Crime Stoppers	<b>1800 333 000</b>

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