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10 NHW

IT'S A STRANGE QUIRK OF HUMAN NATURE THAT PEOPLE
ARE HAPPIER TO START SOMETHING THAN TO MAINTAIN IT.



Where do you leave your car keys?

With the electronic complexity of modern vehicles, the need to access the keys to operate the vehicle is leading to more and more break-ins for that very purpose. If you have your keys in plain sight, then it is very easy for someone to gain access very quickly.

If you make it more difficult for them to find keys, and you ensure you always lock up including your connecting door from the garage to the house, then it will be more difficult for perpetrators to access your keys and therefore your vehicle.

Preparing for Winter

How do you heat your house in winter? Do you have an air conditioning unit, which you reverse for the winter? Do you use an electric heater? Do you have an oil filled electric unit?

All of these units need to be maintained for maximum efficiency and safety. There are various companies around who provide these services. It is in the best interest of the community to utilise a local service person if you can.

There are various websites which can assist you to do your own maintenance if you cannot afford to hire someone to do this. It is essential that you do this as heaters are the one thing you put away in your cupboard and do not use for another 6 to 8 months. In this time dust can accumulate, pests can nest in or eat vital components or age can degrade the efficiency of your heater.

Do you have a disability or are you over 60 years of age? You may be eligible for subsidised assistance through Home Assist Secure. You can also ask for free advice on home maintenance, repairs, minor modification, home security etc. Staff trained by the Queensland Police Service can conduct a free home security assessment. More information can be found at: www.hpw.qld.gov.au.



Next NHW Meeting
7pm
Wednesday
20 May 2015
The Grove Sports Club

ALL WELCOME

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Home Security

"There is a particular method currently being used by offenders to gain entry to homes. Offenders are cutting small holes in the fly screens covering doors and windows. They are then reaching in and unlocking these screen doors, or opening unlocked doors and windows. In some instances they are forcing entry or using keys left hanging near doors on the inside of the home to unlock doors.

These offences are occurring at night and whilst the occupants are sleeping. Offenders appear to be targeting doors and windows at the rear of homes.

You can prevent thieves from entering your house by locking your doors and windows at night. Consider installing security screens. Keep valuable possessions out of sight and secured.

These offences are "sneak" offences and they require stealth from the offender to remain undetected. If it's too hard for them to get in, they will go somewhere else.

If you come home and find your home broken into, report it to police immediately by calling Policelink on 131 444." Courtesy of www.police.qld.gov.au

The future of Neighbourhood Watch in QLD

The first meeting of the new NHWQ Community Advisory Community was held on 14 March 2015. NHW Representatives from the 15 police districts came together to discuss the future of NHW in QLD.

The focus was on developing new Mission and Vision statements, values and aims and making the program more contemporary. Social Media as a platform to allow more inclusion in the community was discussed.

Further meetings are scheduled for this year.

Divisional meetings to be attended by NHW group executive:

Bi-monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of that month 7-8pm at Ferny Grove Police Station. Next meeting will be 17 June 2015.

If you want any issues brought up in these meetings, please contact a committee member or the newsletter editor or secretary.

Contact us at:

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Website;

www.nhwfernygrove10.org

Kerbside Collection starts 14 Sept

Courtesy of the Brisbane City Council Website:

Acceptable items include furniture, white goods, household appliances, carpet, wood products and bicycles

Please **DO NOT** leave the following articles out for collection

- vegetation (e.g. trees, grass, potted plants)
- dirt and stones
- bricks and concrete
- commercial builders waste
- car parts and tyres
- general household waste (e.g. food scraps)
- liquids
- hazardous wastes (e.g. chemicals, oil, asbestos)
- gas bottles
- glass and mirrors
- household waste that normally goes into your refuse or recycling bin



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ferny Grove Police	3872 1555
Non urgent Incidents	131 444
Emergencies	000
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Newsletter Items	3851 1956
Secretary	3351 7001

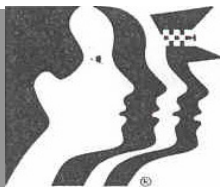
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