



Ferry Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Now in our 23rd year in Ferry Grove

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From the Committee

Not every house in Ferry Grove receives this newsletter, or is 'covered' by the NHW program. There is a map on our website www.nhwferrygrove10.org that shows the areas FG10 NHW currently covers.

We would like to increase this coverage, so please contact us if you are able to assist, or know of someone that can help distribute the five bi-monthly newsletters to streets not already included.

We're looking at conducting several activities in the Ferry Grove area over the next few months, such as 'Dogs on Patrol' and 'Turning the Screws'. In the meantime, if you would like to organise some free one way screws for your number plates, please contact the Indooroopilly Police on 3377 9421.



**Next FG10
NHW meeting
7.00pm
Wednesday
17 May 2017
The Grove
Sports Club**



ALL WELCOME

Preparing for Winter

We've experienced some cooler evenings the last few weeks, so it's time to think about heating for our homes for the coming months. Air conditioners, electric heaters and oil heaters all need to be maintained for maximum efficiency and safety. It's essential you do this as heaters are often put away and not used for possibly 6 to 8 months. In this time dust and/or pests can often degrade the efficiency of your heater.

There are various companies providing this service, with many advertising in the local newspapers. There are also websites which can assist if you want to do it yourself.

If you have a disability or are over 60 years of age, you may be eligible for subsidised assistance through Home Assist Secure. More information is at: www.hpw.qld.gov.au.



It's also an idea to check your smoke alarm batteries, especially during the months when heaters are used in the home, as they provide vital early warning in the event of a fire.

You can test a smoke alarm battery by pressing the test button with a broom handle. It's also recommended you remove any dust from the grille area with a soft brush attached to a vacuum cleaner.

So, if you need to replace a smoke alarm battery, consider a high-quality, long-lasting alkaline battery, and always refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

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



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Drug related activities

We all know that drugs are a menace to our society. Not only can they ruin lives, but trafficking is a criminal offence and dealing in drugs is often related to other offences such as domestic violence, weapons offences, property theft, fraud and assaults.

We would be naïve to think there are not some drug related activities occurring in Ferny Grove and the surrounding suburbs. As responsible residents, we can do something to discourage these activities and to assist the police by reporting suspicious activity.

So, what are the signs? If you notice a variety of vehicles stopping in your street for short periods while the driver waits for a passenger to make a brief visit to a particular residence, then it's a good idea to note the make, model, colour and registration of the vehicle and time/date of the occurrence. Also keep a description of the people involved in these activities.

Sometimes a driver will drop a passenger off around the corner or down the street while the passenger makes a brief visit on foot to a particular residence. The passenger will either be picked up in the street or around the corner to reduce suspicion.

Sometimes a slow speed drop-off to a person waiting on the kerbside occurs while other times a resident (under suspicion) will make relatively short duration car trips at regular times of the week. You may notice brief meetings between people in a local park, while drop-offs and pickups may occur after dark to reduce suspicion.

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, full description of people or vehicles involved, and the address where the suspicious activity may be occurring.

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



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Messages from Police

Recently at the Ashgrove shops a female shopper had her trolley (\$300 value) taken while stopping at the bakery outside Woolworths. Fortunately, the shopper caught the perpetrator but was verbally abused when she confronted the female. The perpetrator was well dressed, and it was thought this was a regular activity by this person as she was well rehearsed and confident in dealing with the confrontation.

****Be vigilant at shopping centres, and be mindful of your purse and handbag**

There have been recent reports of wilful damage to vehicles in the Ferny Grove area, with damage to rear glass windows. A person was arrested by Police in relation to the damage, however, if you see anyone loitering around vehicles, call PoliceLink on 131 444.

****Remove property from unattended vehicles, or move the property so it is out of sight**

The number of break and enters is very low in the area, however, it always pays to have effective external security measures to help reduce the opportunity for crime.

****Consider measures from our website:**
www.nhwfernygrove10.org/home-security-hints

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 17 May 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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