

Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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There was a 'Turning the Screws' event held at the Arana Hills PCYC on 23 August. Police and Ferny Grove NHW volunteers provided the public with the opportunity to have their car number plates re-attached using 1-way screws. This helps not only reduce the theft of number plates but also offences where false number plates are used.

Many members of the public took advantage of the free service, however, if you were unable to attend, you can always contact the Indooroopilly Police on 3377 9421 to organise some free 1-way screws for your number plates.

Jane Davies, Brisbane Regional Manager of Crime Stoppers, attended the July NHW meeting. Below is an article about this wonderful organisation, with details on how you can get actively involved in the various volunteering activities.



What is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a community volunteer organisation that partners with the QLD Police Service, the media and the public. It provides and promotes anonymous contact mediums for the public to report information and help make a difference in stopping, solving and preventing crime. The information collected is passed to the police.

When should I contact them?

- ✓ When you have information or suspicions relating to a crime which has been committed or is being planned
- ✓ When you suspect anyone of being involved in criminal activity

How do I contact them?

- ✓ By calling 1800 333 000
- ✓ By visiting the website www.crimestoppersqld.com.au
- ✓ By downloading and using the Mobile App

Calls and the use of the website and mobile app are not recorded or identified in any way, which means you can remain anonymous. You are allocated a code to check the progress of the investigation, and, if the information provided leads to an arrest, you may be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000, depending on the seriousness of the crime solved.

Volunteering

Crime Stoppers is reliant on volunteers, so if you want to be actively involved in community safety and crime prevention, check out details of the various opportunities on their website.



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



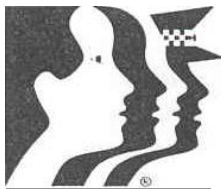
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Ferny Grove Festival

The Ferny Grove Festival is a community event, showcasing local entertainment, food and community groups. It features rides and activities for all ages and is being held at the Ferny Grove State School on **Saturday 7 October** from **3-9pm**, with fireworks at 8pm.

The festival draws together the local community, providing opportunities for people to connect, share and simply have fun. Proceeds from the festival will directly benefit the Ferny Grove State School community, including current and future students as well as numerous community groups who access the school's facilities.

We look forward to seeing you at the NHW stand which will have quite a lot of goodies to give away. We will also have volunteers available to provide advice on safety in the community.



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Protecting older people

Elder abuse can take many forms including financial, psychological, social, physical, sexual and neglect. The most prevalent is financial.

According to the Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ANPEA), it is defined as the illegal or improper use of a person's finances or property by another person with whom they have a relationship of trust.

As well as the misappropriation of property, money or valuables, financial abuse also includes forced changes to a will or other legal documents, Power of Attorney being obtained improperly, denying a person access to their personal funds, forging signatures on bank or legal documents, or simply going grocery shopping and not returning the change.

UnitingCare Queensland runs the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit which includes a dedicated helpline offering information, support and referral services.

Anyone suspecting financial or any type of abuse of an older person should contact the helpline on 1300 651 192 or visit www.eapu.com.au.

104 or More

By picking up two pieces of litter a week, 52 weeks a year, this Brisbane City Council initiative will help create a clean, green and sustainable Brisbane (especially our lovely suburb of Ferny Grove).

Keeping litter out of our streets, bushland and waterways is something we can all do with simple actions.



Be security wise

NHW QLD advises that many burglars are opportunistic and strike when the risk of being caught is low. They suggest taking the following steps to reduce the risk of your home being targeted:

- ✓ Fit windows with secure locks and security screen doors, both to Australian Standards
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs to ensure your house is visible to neighbours and passers-by
- ✓ Install perimeter lights, including sensors
- ✓ Lock away items of value and keep garage doors closed and locked
- ✓ Report suspicious behaviour
- ✓ Join your local NHW group

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** – 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

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 20 September 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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