



# Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was once again a small gathering of enthusiastic Neighbourhood Watch members. Matt Siggins has taken on the Regional Coordinator's role from Sheila, who had to step down due to other commitments. Ian Moller has taken up the secretary's role with Gill Donnelly again being the treasurer. Stephanie McArdle takes up the Newsletter editor role once again. The Zone Coordinator roles remain the same, with the addition of a new zone coordinator for the extended area to Arbor street, Marie Witheyman. Marie has noticed the need for the extension of our area, and has taken on that responsibility. The new area is now zone 5.

We welcome you all to our next meeting in March. We especially invite the block coordinators, who deliver our newsletters every couple of months.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE 16 Feb 2013 10 a.m.

As we need to raise funds for payment of insurance and other small expenses, a sausage sizzle has been organised. We urge you to attend our sausage sizzle at the Shopping centre on the 16 Feb 2013 at 10 a.m. Dale Shuttleworth has kindly donated equipment for this event. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist us in manning the stall, please contact the Newsletter editor whose number is on the contact list on the second page. This is a good opportunity to ask questions about Neighbourhood watch.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STRATEGY

Please take a look at the Neighbourhood Watch Queensland website. You will find that the website has been relocated and changed. You will now find it at <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/nhwq/>.

The updated Queensland Strategy vision is for strong and connected Queensland communities. Our values cover volunteering, Diversity, Partnerships, and Accountability and Transparency. As you would expect our mission is that individuals, families, businesses and communities work together to create safer and supportive communities.

## NEW INITIATIVES AS SHOWN ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEBSITE

"NHWQ has taken the next step into the digital age with the launch of the myPolice NHWQ blog by Jack Dempsey, Minister for Police and Community Safety. Launched at Bundaberg on 13 December 2012, the NHWQ blog along with an updated NHWQ website will allow greater communication and information sharing between the Queensland Police Service and the NHW community. To view the blog go to <http://nhwq.org/>"



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



## OTHER NEWS ON THE NHWQ WEBSITE

The Queensland Police will be publishing crime statistics maps on the website in the future. This will allow you to see at a glance what is happening in your area.

They will also be conducting an audit "As part of renewing NHWQ and injecting new life and direction into community policing, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch has identified that it is important to have an accurate picture of NHWQ groups and this is why they have decided to conduct an audit. The audit process will count the number of all groups/volunteers/people involved in NHWQ."

## COLES SUPPORT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Coles has generously provided us with the paper for our newsletters. We thank the manager of Coles for this donation. Coles also donated sausages for our last sausage sizzle, which allowed us to make a small profit to add to our bank account. THANK YOU COLES!



**ALL WELCOME**

## 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 is 20 February 2013.

Indooroopilly NHW Groups meet at Indooroopilly Police station bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the same month.

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

## TRAFFIC COPS

School starts soon and with it comes traffic fines. Police are always out at this time of the year, and fines are not only given out for speeding, but for double parking, leaving your car parked in a no waiting area, or for leaving your car parked too long in a 10 min parking zone. Please follow instructions. It is hard on the hip pocket, as well as points off your licence and endangerment to your own as well as other people's children. Please teach your children to cross the road safely, preferably at points of the road covered by the lollipop person.

## KIDSAFE

Talking about school safety reminded me of children's safety. Kidsafe Queensland has a website with several publications on kids' safety. Go to <http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au/publications/fact-sheets>. Some useful brochures for parents to read, and some links to other useful sites.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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