

Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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ARE HAPPIER TO START SOMETHING THAN TO MAINTAIN IT.



Neighbourhood Watch: An introduction from the Area Coordinator

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. We are looking forward to serving the community of Ferny Grove again this year with fresh vigour after the Christmas /New Year break. Why not come along and show your support at our first meeting for the year and if you think you could make a contribution, perhaps you might volunteer a small amount of your time in helping to distribute the bi-monthly newsletter.

To the new volunteers and those contemplating helping out this year we would like to explain some of the terms used by NHW and how we operate.

A "**Block Co-ordinator**" is someone who keeps an eye out in their local area of perhaps their street or a couple of adjacent streets, and is a

local contact if people have concerns or suggestions regarding community safety. The "Blockie" also delivers the NHW newsletter in that small local area.

A "**Zone Co-ordinator**" looks after several "Blockies" by passing on the required newsletters for distribution in their blocks, they may be a Blockie themselves.

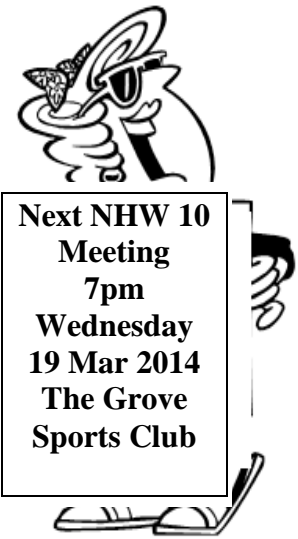
The "**Area Co-ordinator**" looks after the whole area which in our case, takes in most of the original development radiating out from the railway station. The Area Co-ordinator chairs the bi-monthly meetings and is a key contact person for the local crime prevention Police Officers in the NHW area.

Our NHW group is called Ferny Grove 10. Block Co-ordinators, Zone Co-ordinators and the Area Co-ordinator form a network which is designed to act as a representative group when it comes to exchanging information on any suspicious activity or safety issues while at the same time seeking to enhance the community spirit and cohesion which is so vital to our community.

Bi-monthly meetings for our group are held at the Grove Sports club on the 3rd Wednesday of every second month commencing in March. In the Brisbane North-West suburbs, there are a number of Neighbourhood Watch Groups operating e.g. Arana Hills, Keperra (Kings Park), South Mitchelton, North Mitchelton, The Gap, Dorrington, and representatives from these groups usually attend bi-monthly meetings at the Ferny Grove Police Station. Neighbourhood Watch groups provide a useful link between our local police and the community for the two way flow of information on matters of local interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DAY

Neighbourhood Day is on the last Sunday in March, where we celebrate our community by getting together with your neighbours. You might want to register your own event. The link is at <http://www.neighbourday.org/>



**Next NHW 10
Meeting
7pm
Wednesday
19 Mar 2014
The Grove
Sports Club**

ALL WELCOME

Sad passing of a loyal Neighbourhood Watch member

It is with sadness that we record the passing of one of our long serving Zone Co-ordinators, Michael Collins who was tragically killed in a road accident while on holidays in Vanuatu in early January this year. Michael was a tireless worker not only for Neighbourhood Watch but Vinnies charity shop and other associated activities. Our condolences go to Michael's wife Jan and the extended Collins family.

Neighbourhood Watch Sausage Sizzle

In order to raise funds for the continued running of Neighbourhood Watch in our area, we require funds to purchase insurance, paper and any other incidentals.

We are running a sausage sizzle on 1 Mar 2014 at the Ferny Grove shopping Centre. If you can assist on the day please ring the secretary. We would love to have more helpers.

This also gives you an opportunity to ask questions about Neighbourhood Watch.

Are you a cyclist?

There is a great website for cyclist <http://cyclingresourcecentre.org.au/> The **Cycling Resource Centre** is an Australian cycling information hub. The site is administered by the [Australian Bicycle Council](#) (ABC) which consists of representatives of Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments, the cycling industry and bicycle users.

Great articles on safety, statistics, and cycling news.

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 on 19 Feb 2013.

Indooroopilly NHW Groups meet at Indooroopilly Police station bi-monthly on the 2nd 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

Mobile scams

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1116351>

"If you receive a phone call from someone claiming there is something wrong with your computer or mobile device's security, just hang up.

Never give a stranger remote access to your mobile device or computer.

Do not give out your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you initiated the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.

Make sure your computer is protected with anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a good firewall - but only purchase the software from a source that you know and trust.

If you think your mobile device or computer's security has been compromised, seek out help or advice from a qualified and reputable technician.

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately."

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ferny Grove Police	3872 1555
Non urgent Incidents	131 444
Emergencies	000
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Newsletter Items	3851 1956
Secretary	3851 4080

Your Block Coordinator is:

Name :

Phone number:



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