

# Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## 20 YEARS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN FERNY GROVE

Twenty years ago on the 8 November a group of concerned citizens in Ferny Grove set up Neighbourhood Watch 10. It is still alive today and covers a much wider area.

On Saturday 1 November 2014, we will celebrate this milestone with a sausage sizzle at the Upper Kedron Recreational Reserve from 1030-1330. We hope you can pop by and meet some of your neighbours. Please watch this space for further information.

### Child Safety in Schools

"The Department of Education, Training and Employment, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

The curriculum consists of classroom lessons across three phases of learning: Prep - Year 2 (Early Years), Years 3 - 6 and Years 7 - 9 (Junior Secondary).

The curriculum is available to all Queensland schools and aims to teach children about personal safety and awareness, including cybersafety and phone safety, by focusing on three key safety messages: **Recognise, React** and **Report**.

The **Recognise** message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.

The **React** message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

The **Report** message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

The curriculum was developed in consultation with Bruce and Denise Morcombe, the Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian and representatives from the Department of Education, Training and Employment,

Queensland Police Service, and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, as well as experts in child safety education." For more about this please see

<http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/school-life/child-safety-curriculum.html>



**Next NHW 10  
Meeting  
7pm  
Wednesday  
21 May 2014  
The Grove  
Sports Club**

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



## Car thieves target motorists at home

Ref: <http://roadahead.com.au/motoring/motoring-news/car-thieves-target-motorists-at-home/>

Queensland drivers are finding their car's security is most at risk while parked at home, according to RACQ Insurance. New research from the insurer shows the most common locations for vehicle theft and vehicle break-ins are in the owner's driveway, garage or residential street.

The current Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review showed 9,776 cars stolen during 2010/11, a 7 percent increase over 2009/10 (8,890). The review also showed a 14 percent increase in the number of the reported thefts of items from vehicles – 26,192 in 2009/10 to 30,526 in 2010/11.

RACQ Executive Manager of Insurance Communications, Mike Sopinski, said the surge in the number of reported car thefts was a concern.

"Our latest research indicates the emergence of an alarming new trend in vehicle theft with thieves now targeting cars parked at homes," Mr Sopinski said.

The RACQ Insurance research also found a quarter (23 percent) of Queensland motorists had been the victim of a car break-in within the last five years. The home driveway was identified as the most common location for break-ins (33 percent), followed by the street of their residence (13 percent) and the home garage (11 percent).

Mr Sopinski said improvements in car security had forced thieves to re-think their approach to vehicle theft. "We have observed a significant increase in the incidence of thieves now targeting car keys," he said. "Keys have been frequently stolen during home break-ins, either as an opportunistic 'find' or as a deliberate theft target, thereby enabling vehicle theft, too."

RACQ Insurance research shows 42 percent of Queensland motorists do not secure their car keys while at home, which is an open invitation for this savvy new breed of car thief.

"Car keys should always be secured while at home and should be treated with the same level of security as you would with cash."

## 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 18 June 2014.

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.

## Personalised Scams

A scam in our local area involves people coming to your door and saying they can assist with ATO tax refunds. Caution is advised.

"Personalised scams occur when scammers gather your personal information and use it to specifically target you with a scam. The fact that the scammer knows so much about you may make you think they are legitimate. These scams have become more common in recent years and have taken on a new dimension in the online environment.

Scammers target both individuals and businesses in this manner, leading their victims to believe that they have been specifically selected to receive an offer. In reality scammers will make the same offer to hundreds of other people. They often use the internet to gather personal information, for example through social networking websites and approach victims by phone, SMS, letter, email, fax, or through online networking, dating or chat services and blogs.

Scammers often trawl the internet for your personal details and have also been known to search your mailbox or recycling bin to get hold of discarded personal documents such as bank statements and bills."

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.php/html/tag/MoreScams>



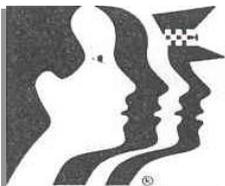
### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ferny Grove Police	<b>3872 1555</b>
Non urgent Incidents	<b>131 444</b>
Emergencies	<b>000</b>
Crime Stoppers	<b>1800 333 000</b>
Newsletter Items	<b>3851 1956</b>
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