



Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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What is Neighbourhood Watch?

While most of us are familiar with those green sign around the streets and letter boxes, many people are not all that familiar with the aims and objectives of this initiative.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is both a philosophy and an approach to working together as a community to reduce crime and enhance community safety. NHW was officially launched in Queensland on 22 June 1988 and has grown to over 450 local NHW groups working with the Queensland Police Service and other government and non-government agencies to make their neighbourhoods a safer place to live and do business.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) encourages communities to join together in small informal groups for the purpose of improving the safety of their families and other people, who live, visit and do business in their neighbourhood. It also encourages interaction and a shared sense of responsibility between individuals, neighbours and communities for preventing and reducing crime.

Traditionally NHWQ has focused on improving home security, reducing the fear of crime and reporting suspicious activity to police. As NHWQ has evolved, groups have become involved in broader community safety issues - working together to identify and address local problems that may not involve crime.

NHWQ has been successful in building community cohesion and improving relationships between neighbours which assists in reducing crime and the fear of crime. It has a very strong and committed volunteer base and is an internationally well-recognised and established symbol within the community.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is committed to working in partnership with the community and greatly appreciates the outstanding contribution that the many NHWQ groups and volunteers make for a safer and more secure Queensland.

Want to know more? Here are some websites that will provide you with a lot more information.

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/nhwq/>

www.nhwa.com.au

www.nhwq.org

While you're at it, take a look at the following website set up to encourage local communities to get together and build better relationships with the people who live around us.

<http://www.neighbourday.org/>

Neighbour Watch relies on community volunteers so if you would like to help out you will be most welcome. Just come along to the next meeting or ring the secretary.



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ARE HAPPIER TO START SOMETHING THAN TO MAINTAIN IT.



On-Line Reporting

Policelink is introducing a number of new on-line forms for Queenslanders to report incidents.

As an alternative to phoning 131 444, you can complete these forms in your own time. A Policelink Client Service Officer will reply to you via e-mail with a Police reference number. The link is below:

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink/hubRprtOnLn.htm>

You will find links to forms such as fare evasion, fuel drive-off, hoon on-line, lost property, suspicious activity, graffiti etc.

This is a great alternative to trying to phone the police and can be done at any time.

NHWQ State Conference

The 2013 NHWQ State Conference will be held at Ipswich on Saturday 2 November 2013. More details will be posted on the Neighbourhood Watch Website in the near future.

We are hoping that at least one member from the committee will be attending this year to gain some innovative ideas that benefit our community.



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 16 Oct 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

Your right to remain silent

You have the right to remain silent, whether you have been stopped in the street, have agreed to go to the police station or are under arrest.

However, police have the power to ask you basic questions and you're breaking the law if you refuse to answer:

- Your name and address
- Date and place of your birth (in drug matters)
- Questions regarding broken traffic laws or whether you've seen an accident
- Other questions that they can ask under special laws

If you don't want to answer questions and you're not sure whether you must answer, get legal advice.

See <http://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/being-arrested-and-police-custody/being-questioned/>



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ferny Grove Police	3872 1555
Non urgent Incidents	131 444
Emergencies	000
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Newsletter Items	3851 1956
Secretary	3351 5190

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