


Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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20 YEARS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN FERNY GROVE

As reported in our last newsletter plans are under way for a celebration on 1 November 2014 of 20 years of Neighbourhood Watch in Ferny Grove. Representatives from Local, State and Federal Governments have indicated their support as well as Qld Police who will be represented on the day. It will be held at the Upper Kedron Recreation Reserve from 10:30am to 1:30pm. A free sausage sizzle and prizes will be available and there will be an opportunity to talk to NHW representatives and police about community safety. If you were involved in the original kick-off of NHW here in Ferny Grove 20 years ago then we want to hear from you. You will be amongst our special invited guests for the day. Simply send us an email and we'll follow up.



**Next NHW 10
Meeting
7pm
Wednesday
16 July 2014
The Grove
Sports Club**

ALL WELCOME



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

Websites

Don't forget to look up NHW at www.nhwq.org to keep up to date with what is going on in Brisbane. If you click on "Areas" then "Brisbane North" you will see the new look Blogs. Another very handy site is www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanewest/ This site also lists dates for NHW meetings in the Brisbane West area.

Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Website

Work is well under way to develop our own website for Ferny Grove 10. This will give local residents especially in Ferny Grove and Upper Kedron access to the latest news and information as well as links to useful websites and resources. In addition it will give residents the opportunity to provide feedback and raise issues concerning safety and security not just relating to suspicious activities but general issues concerning the wellbeing of our community. Watch this space for an announcement for when the site goes live.

In the meantime we have a new email address if you wish to contact us. This can be found at the bottom of page 2.

NHW Street signs

If you think that the existing NHW street signs look somewhat tired and faded, you're right. In quite a few instances the original signs have disappeared over the years arising from BCC maintenance. The good news is that NHW signage is about to get a fresh new look. It is expected by the end of the year we will see the new signs being rolled out across the suburb. In addition a quantity of letterbox plates will also become available. Please email us if you need one.

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Toilet Window..? If it fits!

Source: <http://www.nhwq.org/>
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District Crime Prevention Co-ordinator Megan Dwyer said "In the past week we have seen offenders using some of their traditional methods to break into homes along with some not so usual techniques. A large majority of offences were 'sneak breaks' where offenders simply gain access through unlocked doors and windows.

Recently however we have seen offenders using tactics such as climbing ladders to reach higher windows and doors and in one case reaching through an open window with a pool scoop to steal a handbag. Residents should not become complacent about leaving small windows such as toilet windows open. While many of us would not like to try and fit through one, our offenders are often more motivated and will rely on people not seeing this as a possible entry point.

Common property stolen during a break and enter is cash, small electrical devices such as phones and tablets, jewellery and car keys. While most items stolen are usually small and easily concealed on the person, this week we also saw the theft of car wheels and a range tools and a generator.

There are many simple and low cost (if not free) security measures home owners can take to increase the security of their home.

They can be found on the QPS website at Home Security Tips or Home Security Audit". See www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/

If you require further advice after reading the brochures please contact the Crime Prevention Office on 3364 3426

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 15 Oct 2014 with a district meeting on 6 August 2014 at the Gap Station.

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.

Neighbourhood Watch expanding

We've been encouraged by recent interest from areas outside the existing NHW area. Welcome to our new neighbours in Greenock Pl, Elgin Cl, Melrose Pl and Eriskay Cl. The area bounded by these streets close to the border with Upper Kedron has been added as a satellite area but in time we hope that residents in surrounding areas will also see the benefits of neighbourhood watch and let us know of their interest and support.

Remember, it is a well known fact that where there is an active Neighbourhood Watch, the crime rate is normally lower. However the moment we become complacent is the time we signal to those who are contemplating anti social or criminal acts that we don't care.

Are you a Blockie and going away?

If you are a Blockie and are going away, can you please let your zone co-ordinator know and alternative arrangements for the newsletter delivery can be made.



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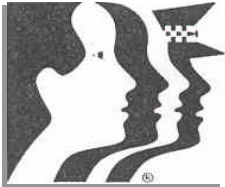
Ferny Grove Police	3872 1555
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