



# Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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10 NHW

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



## “Don't worry about the G20, come to the FG 20”

We're celebrating on 1 November 2014 twenty years of Neighbourhood Watch in Ferny Grove – the “FG20”. Representatives from Local, State and Federal Governments have indicated their support as well as Qld Police Service who will be well represented on the day. Weather permitting\* it will be held at the Upper Kedron Recreation Reserve in Upper Kedron Rd 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. Send us an email and we'll follow up.



**Next NHW  
Meeting  
7pm  
Wednesday  
17 September  
2014  
The Grove  
Sports Club**

**ALL WELCOME**

\*NOTE: In case of wet weather the FG20 will be held at the State Primary School Cnr Archdale and McGinn Rds

### Ferny Grove Neighbourhood Watch Website

We're pleased to announce the recent launch of our own NHW website. Just go to [www.nhwfernygrove10.org](http://www.nhwfernygrove10.org) and get the low-down on what's up in Ferny Grove. It gives residents the opportunity to provide feedback and raise issues concerning safety and security and issues relating to the wellbeing of our community. The website has a live feed on crime statistics and stacks of useful information and links to important websites. You can always go back to previous newsletters as well and read the latest newsletter on your computer or mobile device.

### Door to door collectors

A few weeks ago we were alerted to suspicious door-to-door collectors who claimed to be collecting for Cerebral Palsy. Because the Cerebral Palsy League do not do door-to-door collecting and because the collectors asked for a glass of water at two premises, alarm bells rang and the police were notified. While the collectors were subsequently tracked down and found to be legitimate (they were apparently collecting on behalf of another organisation), the glass of water tactic is still one that Police warn about. They strongly warn about door to door people trying to trick residents into opening the door. It is recommended that strangers be spoken to through a locked screen door until their

bona fides are established. Better still, if there is to be a continued discussion, first ring the organisation they purport to represent. Unless there is an obvious medical emergency or person in distress, residents are advised not to give drinks or other assistance at the front door.

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## Drug trafficking

We all know that drugs are a menace to our society. Not only can they ruin lives but trafficking is a criminal offence and the dealing in drugs is often related to other offences such as domestic violence, weapons offences, property theft, fraud and assaults.

That is why a number of residents have been talking to us in recent times about suspicious activities which could be related to the trafficking of drugs and/or other illegal substances. Other residents have asked the question "what are the signs of possible drug trafficking and does it happen in Ferny Grove?" We would be naïve to think there are not some drug related activities occurring in Ferny Grove and surrounding suburbs. As responsible residents, we can do something to discourage these activities and to assist the police by reporting suspicious activity. If you want to remain anonymous then call Crimestoppers. You may also call Policelink or the local police station if you see suspicious activity in your area. So what are the signs ?

If you notice a variety of vehicles stopping in your street for relatively short periods while the driver waits for a passenger to make a brief visit to a particular residence then it is a good idea to note the make, model, colour and registration of the vehicle and time/date of the occurrence. Also keep a description of the people who are engaged in these activities. If this occurs on a regular basis then pass your list on to Crimestoppers or the Police.

Sometimes a driver will drop a passenger off around the corner or down the street while the passenger makes a brief visit on foot to a particular residence. The passenger will either be picked up in the street or around the corner to reduce suspicion. Sometimes a slow speed drop-off to a person waiting on the kerbside occurs while other times a resident (under suspicion) will make relatively short duration car trips at regular times of the week.

You may notice brief meetings between people in a local park, while drop-offs and pickups may occur after dark to reduce suspicion. This sometimes makes detection more difficult. But concerned residents should still note and report times and dates of movements and the address where the suspicious activity may be occurring.

## **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.

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

## **Drug trafficking (cont'd)**

After reporting suspicious activity to police or Crimestoppers, be patient. Police may arrange for surveillance which most residents will not detect and this may go on for quite a while as evidence is collected.

In some cases drug labs have been set up in otherwise innocent looking suburban houses or town houses. If you detect a strong chemical smell on a number of occasions or notice an unusual number of empty plastic bottles of strong cleaning liquids or other chemicals being regularly deposited in bins, note the details and report it to the police.

## **Best locks for your house**

(Courtesy Toplock Locks and Security)

- Restricted key systems
  - Can't be copied without your authorisation
  - More pick proof
- Double Cylinder deadbolts or deadlatches
  - Strengthen the door/lock combination
  - Locks from inside and outside so intruders can't unlock the door to take large items out
- Sliding doors can have aftermarket patio bolt fitted to improve strength and security



## **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>
Secretary	<b>3851 4080</b>

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