

Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Ferny Grove

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From the Committee

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday break and are now looking forward to whatever comes your way in 2018.

While crime within the Ferny Grove area remains low, there has been a slight increase in break and enters and number plates being stolen in the North West suburbs.

Also, a quick reminder that the new school year is well underway, so take extra care around the schools in the area, and please remember to observe the 40km school zone speed limit during the times indicated on the signs.



Next FG10
NHW meeting
7.00pm Wed
21 Mar 2018
The Grove
Sports Club



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Is your home secure?



It's not long until Easter, so consider performing a safety check of your house if you're planning on going away.

There are some simple measures you can take to help protect your home, so check out the information about *Home Security* on our website, under Useful Information.

Consider the following security tips to make your home safer.

- ✓ Install an intruder alarm
- ✓ Install exterior lighting (this acts as a deterrent and allows police, security officers and members of the public to clearly observe any unusual activities)
- ✓ Install solid doors, preferably security doors with double cylinder deadlocks
- ✓ Protect exposed hinges to prevent hinge pin removal
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs so the view of your house is not obscured
- ✓ Lock away items such as ladders which can assist in an offence
- ✓ Ensure wheelie bins are locked away or moved to locations away from windows

Here's a link to a checklist designed to help you take a fresh look at your home security. How does *your* home rate?

www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/homeSecurity/Documents/Home_Audit.pdf

Help the life of one person and you can help the community.
Steven Sawalich



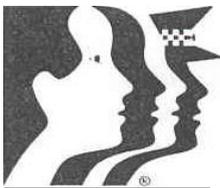
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Messages from police

Are your car keys secure?

Police are advising residents that thieves have been breaking and entering homes with the sole intention of stealing cars.

In the event of a break in, don't make it easy for thieves to find your car keys and then take your car.

Store your keys in a drawer or cupboard, somewhere out of sight.

And your number plates?

Why would someone want to steal vehicle number plates?

If an offender steals your number plates and attaches them to another vehicle, it makes it easier for them to commit a crime and not be identified.

They commit offences such as petrol drive offs, robberies and burglaries using the vehicle with the stolen number plates.

Also, there is a \$\$\$ cost and time involved in reporting and replacing stolen number plates.

One way to prevent becoming a victim of number plate theft is to have anti-theft screws fitted to your vehicle number plates, free of charge.



Contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at the Ferny Grove Police Station on 3872 1542 to access this free service.

High rise apartments and vehicle security

Residents living in high rise residential buildings should not be complacent in believing their dwellings are immune from break and enters, because of the isolation afforded by height.

Last year several 'spiderman' high rise burglaries occurred in a number of inner west and south side suburbs.

The 'spiderman' offenders were easily able to externally climb up several stories or use a drain pipe to gain entry via either unsecured balcony windows or doors.

On several occasions, the offenders used minimal force to remove fly screens to gain entry. Once inside they targeted items such as wallets, jewellery, car keys, laptops, iPads, phones and cash.

Also targeted were high rise residential apartment underground garages. The offenders gained access through unsecured garage doors or by following a vehicle into the garage, once the door had been remotely opened.

They then targeted vehicles by simply opening an unlocked door or by smashing the window of a locked vehicle. They stole valuable and attractive items such as wallets, handbags, mobile phones, laptops, cash and garage remotes.

Police are urging Inner West high rise residents to reassess their home security before leaving their respective dwelling or going to bed.

If you see any suspicious person/s or activities, do not approach them, instead report their activities and description to police immediately.

Reporting crime

Police rely heavily on reported crime to help identify trends, locate offenders and allocate resources. Without crime reported it's harder to prevent further offences and locate offenders. No crime is too small to report – Police need to know so they can respond.

- **000** – emergency calls for Police, Fire Services or Ambulance
- **131 444** – Policelink for non-urgent calls
- **1800 333 000** – Crime Stoppers with details of known or suspected crime

Police blog website

Subscribe to the blog to receive updates:
<http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanenorth/>

Next FG10 NHW meeting

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 March at The Grove Sports Club.

We would love to see you there, or you can use the contact details below for any issues or topics you want raised at the meeting.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Ferny Grove Police Station	3872 1555
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Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000

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