

Ferny Grove 10 Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Now in our 24th year in Ferny Grove

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From the Committee

Currently, not every house in Ferny Grove receives this newsletter, or is 'covered' by the NHW program. We want to increase this coverage, so please email areacoordinator@nhwfernysgrove10.org or contact Garry (Area Coordinator) on 0403 362 463 if you can help by distributing the bi-monthly newsletters to streets not already covered.



NHW QLD was officially launched 30 years ago. To celebrate, there will be a sausage sizzle at the Walter Bridge Reserve near The Gap Police Station on Saturday 15 September, from 11am to 2pm.

You're invited to bring a plate and asked to RSVP by Wednesday 7 September 2018 to Ricky on 3872 1542 or Paul on 3377 9421.



Ferny Grove Festival

The Ferny Grove Festival is a community event, showcasing local entertainment, food and community groups. It features rides and activities for all ages and is being held at the Ferny Grove State School on **Saturday 20 October** from **3-9pm**, with fireworks at 8pm.

The festival draws together the local community, providing opportunities for people to connect, share and simply have fun. Proceeds from the festival will directly benefit the Ferny Grove State School community, including current and future students as well as numerous community groups who access the school's facilities.

We look forward to seeing you at the NHW stand which will have quite a lot of goodies to give away. We will also have volunteers available to provide advice on safety in the community.



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Reporting suspicious behaviour



If you witness anyone committing a crime, or observe suspicious behaviour, write down what you see as soon as possible. Keep a record of the time and date of your observations. These details can be important when giving a statement to police, and can help piece together a chain of events, assist with gathering evidence and possibly the quick apprehension of offenders. Report suspicious behaviour to Crime Stoppers:

- ✓ By calling 1800 333 000
- ✓ By visiting the website crimestoppersqld.com.au
- ✓ By downloading and using the Mobile App



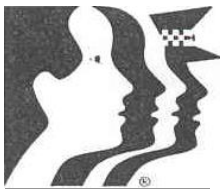
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Messages from police

Even though crime is low in Ferny Grove, residents are reminded to be vigilant in securing their home, car and themselves. Here are tips on minimising your risk of becoming a victim of the recent crime trends in the North West suburbs.

Home security

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

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

Vehicle security

- . Remove temptation – always lock doors and close windows when your vehicle is unattended
- . Remove valuables from your car, or keep them out of sight
- . Don't make it easy for thieves to find your car keys and then take your car
- . Have anti-theft screws fitted to your vehicle number plates, free of charge.



Contact the Ferny Grove Police Station on 3872 1542 to access this service.

Personal security

There has been a spate of handbags being stolen, especially in shopping centres.

Please be vigilant when out and about and don't leave handbags unattended.

You might also consider using one that is slung across your body, making it more difficult for thieves to remove.

More information

Visit our website nhwfernysgrove10.org for more information about keeping yourself and your property safe.

Dealing with barking dogs

Try talking to your neighbour first – face-to-face if you can. Who knows, they may not even be aware of the problem. There may be a couple of reasons for that:



- . the dog may only bark excessively when the owner is away
- . the owner may not hear the barking from areas inside the house
- . the owner may be a sound sleeper and not woken when the dog barks

If you don't want to chat to your neighbour about it, you can send them a polite letter, making them aware of the problem.

Once you've had that chat or sent them a letter, and they've (hopefully) agreed to do something about the barking, wait a few weeks to see if they have been successful in their efforts.

Also, the BCC website has more information brisbane.qld.gov.au/bcse/search/barking%20dogs

Be scam savvy

Scam phone calls: Hang up! Don't provide personal information, account details, or ring any number the scammer provides.

Scam emails: Don't click on any links and delete the email. Report the incident to police or the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network report.acorn.gov.au

Access the Federal Government **SCAMWATCH** site scamwatch.gov.au to register to receive information on scams, or report a scam.

Police blog website

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

Next FG10 NHW meeting

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 September 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

Emergency	000
Ferny Grove Police Station	3872 1555
Policelink (non-urgent calls)	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000

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