

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

What a busy October we've had, with our NHW group having a stall at the Ferny Grove Festival, and a sausage sizzle at Bunnings the following day.

The festival was well attended, with everyone enjoying a great afternoon of sunshine, food, entertainment, rides and fireworks.



The NHW stand was very popular. Here we have Stephanie, Laurel and Gerialie busy providing information, free giveaways and advice to residents of Ferny Grove.



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

Our sausage sizzle at Bunnings was a raging success. Many thanks to Bunnings staff, the NHW volunteers and to the public who purchased food on the day. I'm sure many of them did a double take when they saw the amount of police presence in the carpark!

On Wednesday 21 November we have our AGM. We would love to see you there, whether you're interested in becoming a committee member or have an issue or topic you'd like discussed. Everyone is welcome.



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NHW QLD 30 year celebration

The NHW state conference was held on 6 October at the Gold Coast, and Police Minister Mark Ryan and Commissioner Ian Stewart congratulated NHWQ on its 30th birthday, and thanked the thousands of volunteers who help to keep their communities safe from criminal activity.

There are 425 NHW groups in QLD and the number of volunteers continues to increase with the growth of the organisation's social media presence. Police Commissioner Ian Stewart said that "Just as the community relies on police to stop crime and make QLD safer, the police, in turn, rely on the community for support. NHWQ provides QPS the opportunity to further build ties and work closely with members of the community."

Closer to home, representatives of Brisbane West NHW groups got together to celebrate NHWQ's 30th birthday. And boy, do the folk in blue know how to put on a BBQ!

It was a good opportunity to chat with members of other NHW groups and share information. If you're interested in becoming a member of FG10NHW, please contact us via one of the methods listed over the page.



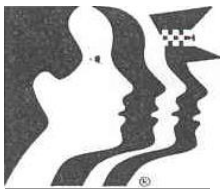
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Messages from police

Even though crime is low in Ferny Grove, there are still a small number of break-ins or attempted break-ins and theft of property, including motor vehicles. Here are some tips on minimising your risk.

Home security



Consider the following to make your home safer:

- ✓ Install an intruder alarm
- ✓ Install exterior lighting
- ✓ Install solid doors, preferably security doors with double cylinder deadlocks
- ✓ Protect hinges to prevent 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

This checklist will help you take a fresh look at your home security.

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

Vehicle security

Opportunistic thieves are targeting cars left unlocked, parked in driveways, secured car parks, carports and on the road. In many cases, victims have left valuables in plain sight in their car, and thieves are always on the lookout for mobile phones, wallets, laptops, work bags and tools. Please consider the following tips to decrease your risk:

- ✓ Always lock doors and close windows when your car 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 free service.



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45 McGinn Road, Ferny Grove
Phone orders: 3851 4422

Be scam savvy

Scam phone calls: Hang up! Don't provide personal or account details.

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

Access scamwatch.gov.au to receive information on scams or to report a scam.

Emergency+ app

Emergency+ is a free application developed by Australia's emergency services and their partners. The app uses GPS functionality built into smartphones to help 000 callers provide location details. Download from your app store.

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: mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanenorth

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Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 November 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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