

Your Block Coordinator is:



I know my neighbour, my neighbour knows me

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

19th April 7pm: NHW gathering. Guest Speaker from the Police department.
 21st June 7pm. NHW gathering

Regular gatherings are held on the 3rd Monday of every 2nd month.

Dates are closer than they appear!

Gatherings are held from 7pm in the Staff Room, McDowall State School - Rode Road McDowall

Previous Meeting

At our last meeting, we welcomed Marilyn Kunde. In her own refreshing manner, she highlighted the reasons why we need to maintain a healthy Neighbourhood Watch in our community.

Currently our area is enjoying a period of low crime, so strategies to prevent crime are not at the top of people's agenda. It's important not to be complacent during these times. When the crime is low, we need to bolster those strategies that assist in keeping criminals away. Don't wait until crime has returned before seeking involvement in NHW.

Each of us, especially NHW participants, are the eyes and ears of the Police force. We keep aware for suspicious activity in our area and report it to the NHW area co-ordinator or the Aspley Police station.

Traditionally motivation for NHW follows the amount of crime in the area. When the crime rises, we all look for a way to reduce crime, don't take it as granted that your home or car will be broken into. When crime rises, so does your insurance premium. No-one wants to spend weekends searching for replacement belongings.

Officers of NHW enjoy special respect in the community. To reflect this standard, all NHW office bearers will now be identifiable with specially designed NHW photographic identification tags. The ID tags should be worn during NHW activities. Next time you see a NHW officer in the street, stop and say 'hello'.

Police Report

Once again, there has been little crime in our area. A single event in Borge Close where cash was stolen from a car in an open garage was the only crime reported to Police.

However, there is an alarming upsurge of crime in our district. Break and Enter in Hamilton, Keona, Old Northern Roads, Eastwood place, Darien, Brando, Connery and Cilento Streets have resulted in DVD Players, jewellery, clothing, cash, motor bikes and video games being stolen.

Several cars have been interfered with including at the Flockton Street and Hamilton Road shopping centres. Always lock your car, take the keys with you and remove valuables from view.

Unfortunately crime is right on our doorstep. Lock the door, set the alarm, secure the premises when you leave. Don't be complacent — it can happen to you.

Zone Coordinators

Zone 1 Speilberg St, Stallone Ct, Redford Cr and Ford Cl
Cedric Netscher (3353 2676).

Zone 2 Harlow Pl, Van Dyke Cr, Palance Ct, Sellers Pl,
Monroe Pl, Matthau Place
Gordon Watson (3353 5539).

Zone 3 Carides Pl, Burlinson Cl, Thurman Ct, Seinfeld Cl,
Streisand Dr from Neeson Ct to Saturn Cr.
Janine Sharman (3353 4943).

Zone 4 Goodman Cl, De Vito Pl, Cosby Pl, Borge Cl, Landon
Cl, Streisand Dr from Neeson Ct to the cul de sac into
the park). Carolyn Healy (3353 6888).

Zone 5 Pfeiffer Pl, Hanks Pl, Minelli Pl, Ladd Cl, Culkin Pl,
Streisand Dr from Hamilton Dr to the cul de sac into
the park. Rosemary Rucinske (3353 0204).

WEEDING OUT CRIME

Many residents suffer from 'green-fingered' thieves pilfering their garden goodies. Whether it be plants, pots, ornaments or gnomes, some people will steal anything that is not nailed down. One way to protect your property is to consider the surroundings of your house.

Do you have a large fence that keeps your valuables in, but also can hide intruders in your yard?

Do you have trees close to your windows that may allow thieves to gain access by climbing?

Do you leave gardening equipment accessible for thieves to steal or use to break into your house?

Next time you are out in your garden consider the surroundings and think of alternative options that may deter would-be thieves. Utilise prickly plants such as bougainvillea on fences or beside easily accessible windows. Not only will this deter thieves, but provide brilliantly coloured flowers to brighten up your garden.

Always put away garden tools after use, lock ladders and wheelie bins up so they cannot be used to access windows, install security lighting or lighting in your garden, engrave and photograph your gardening equipment and always keep your garage and tool sheds locked.

So next time you're out enjoying your garden, say hello to your neighbour and keep an eye out for suspicious activities on the street and in the yard!

http://www.police.qld.gov.au/pr/services/newsletters/nhw/aut_2004/article03.shtml

Important Phone Numbers to keep handy:

Emergency: 000

Crime in Progress (not life threatening): 3364 6464

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Albany Creek Police: 3264 0599

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