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2009 NHW Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 February 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting. - Bonny Barry

Monday 20 April 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.

Monday 15 June 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.

Monday 17 August 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.

Monday 19 October 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.

General meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every 2nd month.

From 7pm in the Community Access Building, McDowall State School - Rode Road McDowall

Next Meeting : Bonny Barry

We welcome the current sitting member in the state seat of Aspley as our guest speaker at the next meeting. At the next state elections (to be held later this year), the electoral boundary for Aspley seat moves to encompass our area.

SAFETY IN THE CAR

By considering some practical safety strategies in and out of the car, you are encouraged to formulate your own personal safety plan to increase your feelings of safety and reduce the likelihood of having your personal safety threatened.

Consider keeping pen, paper, torch and a street directory in the car. Have change for telephone calls, a phone card or a mobile phone in the car. In an emergency you can call '000' on any phone without having to pay for the call. When driving in busy metropolitan areas, it is a good idea to keep doors locked and your handbag or briefcase etc., and other valuables out of sight. Ladies handbags have been stolen from the front seat of their cars, while stopped at traffic lights, access being gained through an unlocked front passenger door.

If stopped by police who are not in uniform and in an unmarked car, wind your window down a little and ask to see their identification before getting out of your car.

If you encounter an aggressive motorist, there are a number of options available to you. It is best not to confront the persons or get out of your car as this may put your personal safety in danger. Instead, consider the following strategies: If you have a mobile phone contact the police and advise them of the situation. If possible provide a description of the aggressive motorist, their vehicle and details of your location. (continued)

Police Report

Unfortunately, 2009 has commenced with a break and enter in Streisand Drive during the week of Monday 26/01/09 to Sunday 01/02/09. This disappointing event is a timely reminder to maintain vigilance and the importance of NHW. We don't want these events to become a common occurrence and each of us to suffer the trauma and inconvenience of a break and enter. Look out for your neighbour, look out for yourself.

Zone Coordinators

Zone 1 Speilberg St, Stallone Ct, Redford Cr and Ford Cl
co-ordinator Shirley Morrow (3353 0412)

Zone 2 Harlow Pl, Van Dyke Cr, Palance Ct, Sellers Pl,
Monroe Pl, Matthau Place
co-ordinator Mary Moyler (ph 3353 5816)

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

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

Zone 5 Pfeiffer Pl, Hanks Pl, Minelli Pl, Ladd Cl, Culkin Pl,
Streisand Dr from Hamilton Road to the cul de sac into
the park. co-ordinator Paul Keppel (3353 8405)

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

Brisbane City Council Call Centre
3403 8888

SAFETY IN THE CAR (continued)

Note: Police will probably ask you to keep moving towards a certain point/ direction as they coordinate their patrols to intercept the offender and also view his/her actions. It is a good idea to keep talking to police as they will reassure you and guide you to the desired location. Calls to '000' are free, even from a mobile phone. If you cannot contact police, drive to the nearest police station and report the incident immediately. Remember that only some police stations operate on a 24 hour basis.

Other initiatives:

- Ensure that windows are fully closed when your car is parked.
- Avoid narrow or unfamiliar streets, try to keep to well used and well lit roads.
- Be cautious of 'accident' scenes as these can be a hazard with traffic banking up.
- Do not give lifts to hitchhikers, or open doors or windows to unknown persons.
- Do not allow yourself to be 'boxed in' in a line of traffic and so have no room to manoeuvre out of trouble.

Traffic operation, Everton Park:

As part of an on-going commitment to traffic enforcement in the state, Queensland police recently detected more than 800 speeding motorists on Old Northern Road at Everton Park. In less than 8 hours police detected 836 motorists breaking the speed limit; the highest recorded speeds were 115kph, 104kph, 100kph and six motorists travelling in the 90kph range in a 60kph speed zone.

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