



Your Block Coordinator is:

Glendora Neighbourhood Watch

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2010 NHW Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 February 2010 - 7pm NHW meeting. Office of Fair Trading
Monday 19 April 2010 - 7pm NHW meeting.
Monday 21 June 2010 - 7pm NHW meeting.
Monday 16 August 2010 - 7pm NHW meeting.
Monday 18 October 2010 - 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

Attending the next meeting will be a representative from the office of Fair Trading. This state government office is part of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and actively work towards creating a fairer and safer Queensland. They undertake and coordinate state wide compliance and enforcement activities to promote a competitive, fair and informed marketplace.

Brisbane Council Call Centre

Residents of Glendora NHW have observed and been involved in reporting many issues to the Brisbane City Council Call Centre. On each occasion the call-centre has resolved the issue expediently. It's best to contact the call centre directly on telephone:

07 3403 8888

The centre operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call the centre without delay for attention.

Crime Report

After enjoying a crime free period for such a long time in our area, we had an unwelcome visitor mid-January with a Break and Enter reported in Minelli Street. The Break and Enter occurred in the late afternoon / early evening with entry appearing to be via a security screen door (the glass door wasn't closed). Many cupboards and drawers were opened and the contents strewn onto the floor. It appears that only cash was taken. Significantly, the burglars had also disabled several floodlights about the residence and used a ladder to climb over the back fence.

In this disturbing event, a few security precautions might have deterred the offenders. Whilst we didn't suffer the consequences of this break-in we share this disturbing event with our neighbours and strengthen our vigil to lock our premises adequately and deter potential thieves.

Zone Coordinators

- Zone 1** Speilberg St, Stallone Ct, Redford Cr and Ford Close. 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 (ph 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

Identity Theft / Identity Fraud

<http://www.stopidtheft.com.au/>

Identity fraud occurs when a person's personal information is used by someone else without their knowledge to obtain credit, goods or other services fraudulently. It can even extend to securing a passport in their name.

Criminals use a mixture of tactics to acquire the information needed to steal another's identity. These range from the very crude such as taking personal information from a stolen purse or wallet, going through rubbish, phishing (stealing somebody's identity online).

Worryingly for the victims, they often do not realise their identity has been stolen until it is too late and it can take a considerable amount of time and money to put right the damage caused. As always, prevention is better than cure.

The Facts

- 75% of Australians throw out enough personal information, such as credit card statements, in their rubbish and recycling to put them at risk of identity fraud.
- 87% of Australians are concerned about identity theft.
- According to The Australian Federal Police (AFP), identity fraud costs the nation up to \$4 billion a year.
- When it comes to concerns about identity fraud, women fear financial loss, poor credit rating, feeling personally violated and embarrassment far more than men.
- 81% of middle Australia (household income \$40k - \$69k) are most likely to put themselves at risk of identity theft by throwing out personal information such as utility bills and credit card statements.
- Personal information such as your date of birth, address, mother's maiden name and passwords are as valuable as money. This is enough information for a fraudster to open bank accounts, apply for credit cards, loans (all in your name) and much more.

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