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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

18th Aug 7pm: NHW meeting. Annual General Meeting.
Nominations for committee positions welcome.
Guest Speaker - Les Amber. President of the Queensland Pawn Brokers Assoc.

20th Oct 7pm: NHW meeting.

Dates are closer than they appear!

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

Previous Meeting

Good advice was imparted at our last meeting by Constables Mick and Jason from Albany Creek Police station:

- o There is an increasing trend around Brisbane for "opportunistic" property crimes
- o People should lock both their front and back doors even to just take the wheelie bin out
- o One modus operandi is they knock on the door and if no-one answers, they enter the premises and take something visible (like a wallet)
- o They often work in pair's - one goes to the front and the other goes to the back of the residence
- o The Police ask that people report anything out of the ordinary, especially if a description is obtained or a registration number of a vehicle

The Police advised that one tool they use is an "Activity Report Index", which records suspicious people, vehicles and activity. It is often useful in later tying in information with crimes and leads to crimes being solved.

Neighbourhood watch means we keep an eye out for each other - if there is a car parked by the side of the road with people inside that look suspicious, that's worthwhile reporting to Police. They may not burgle your house *this time*, they could be targeting your neighbour today and you next time.

Additionally, a video presentation on Fire Safety was shown.

Police Report

1/5/03 - A house in Pfeiffer Place was entered through a locked screen door (sliding glass door was unlocked). Mostly jewellery was unlawfully removed.

1/6/03 to 3/6/03 -A trailer was taken from the driveway of a house in Streisand Drive and was later located in Maroochydore.

6/6/03 - Wilful damage, a house on Streisand had a rock thrown through glass above the front door.

6/7/03 - Burglary from a house on Streisand drive.

Despite these events, the area has relatively low crime rates - we can all help to do better!

Other News

- NHW Street Signs have been installed, with more to follow.
- Engravers are available for use at no cost - see your zone co-ordinator.
- When you go on holiday - inform the police of the duration of your absence and contact information.
- Block coordinators needed. A few hours per month is all that's required. See your zone coordinator for more information.
- Speeding on Streisand Drive is becoming all too commonplace. Before Police become involved, remember our community, people live there and their children play nearby.

Our 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).

From Local Council

Rita Collins has provided us with some Council
and State Government initiatives:

“Seniors and Law Information Kit”

Includes information on:

Decision Making, Abuse and Violence, Accommo-
dation, Disputes, Family Law, Volunteering.

Available from the Seniors Line: 1300 135 500

“Good Neighbour Clean-Up Project”

Provides voluntary refuse transport services to
those who are disabled or aged in the community
and have no access to transporting rubbish.

Contact Rita Collins’ office for more information.

Phone: 3403 7690

Safety Audit

The committee will soon be embarking on a organised Safety Audit of this area. You can assist in this process by keeping a record of safety concerns you may have. A checklist will be distributed shortly, in the interim items such as cracked pavements, faulty street lighting and dangerous kerbing can be noted.

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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The McDowall

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