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2009 NHW Dates for your Diary

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

Guest Speaker ~ Next Meeting

The Brisbane City Council operates a very successful Call Centre to facilitate council business with residents. The Call Centre (phone: 07 3403 8888) is able to provide advice on all things council as well as arrange repairs from wheelie bins to large council assets.

A representative from the Call Centre will leave their headset behind and join us at our next meeting.

Previous Meeting

Trish Dixon and a colleague from the Brisbane Seniors On Line talked about their operation and discussed how mentors volunteer their skills and time to aid people in the community get a greater understanding of computers and the Internet. Some practical examples of how their involvement made a difference to the life of Trish and her students.

BSOL is seeking mentors and students alike, for more information, visit: www.bsol.asn.au

McDowall - Rain in 2009

For the calendar year until the end of May 2009, 669mm of rain was recorded at the McDowall weather station.

◆ Jan: 60.1mm ◆ Feb: 130.6mm ◆ Mar: 36.9mm ◆ Apr: 200mm ◆ May: 241.2mm

In our thoughts...

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family of block co-ordinator Sam Pennisi who passed away in April 2009. Sam has been associated with NHW for many years.

Police Report

We continue to enjoy a very low rate of crime in our immediate area. Unfortunately for those not too far away they have more of a crime presence to deal with. Recently, Police are investigating a string of armed robberies on Brisbane's North side including potentially linked robberies at Murramba Downs Eagle Boys Pizza and McDonalds and Dominos Pizza both at Kallangur.

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

Scam alert - fraudsters targeting online car sales

Queensland Police are issuing a warning to the public following recent reports of fraudsters targeting victims selling and buying cars online.

In a recent example, a Brisbane woman was contacted by a person in the UK after putting her car for sale online. The purchaser offered to buy her car for almost \$6000 over the asking price, claiming they were buying the car for a friend in New Zealand and would need to have the car shipped. The purchaser then advised the seller they would send a cheque and would need the shipping agent to be paid in cash. The cheque ended up being false and it is believed the "overpayment" shipping fee would have ended up in the pocket of the fraudster.

Another recent example involved a seller placing their car online for sale. A few days later they happened to see their car advertised on a different site. Investigations revealed the offenders had copied the car image and details and placed an entirely new advertisement. Had the scam have worked, the buyer would have seen the car, conducted checks on the registration and VIN detail (which would have been correct) and sent money for what they believed to be a legitimate car.

Detective Superintendent Brian Hay of the State Crime Operations Command Fraud and Corporate Crime Group says scams don't always need to be sophisticated, just convincing.

"Every day we are seeing new scams around the world. While we are definitely seeing an increase in sophisticated scams, there are still scams out there which rely on the basic principles of fraud. They certainly don't need to be hi-tech to fleece you of money," he said.

"The most important piece of advice I can give you is to check, check, and re-check. Do as many checks as you need to ensure what you are buying is legitimate. If you're about to purchase a car that is the deal of a lifetime - there's a reason for it - it isn't. Take a safe line - If it seems too good to be true, then it's a scam. If you are ever asked to send money in cash, don't do it, get independent advice." Detective Superintendent Hay said.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit the police website at www.police.qld.gov.au Victims of advance fee fraud can also report the matter directly online at this site.

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