

Your Block Coordinator is:



I know my neighbour, my neighbour knows me

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- 20th Oct 7pm: NHW meeting. Guest Speaker: Carol Cashman.
Local Member for (most of) our area.
- 5th Nov 7pm: Fire safety demonstration at Petrie. RSVP to your zone co-ordinator.
- 9th Nov 4pm: End of year free sausage sizzle in the park (on Streisand drive).
RSVP to your zone co-ordinator by 30th November.

Dates are closer than they appear!

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

Previous Meeting

After the formalities of the AGM at the previous meeting, Les Amber (past president Pawn brokers Association) presented a very informative insight into the business of pawnbroking and second hand goods dealers. There are approximately 5000 licensed second hand dealers in Queensland.

Once ownership of goods is accepted pawnbrokers will lend a percentage of the value of the goods in cash. An interest rate of 25% per month is charged. Per annum there are 650,000 loans taken out, of which 75% are redeemed. The remaining 25% of loans have their goods auctioned. Second hand dealers, then typically purchase these goods for sale in their shop.

When goods are used as collateral for a loan they aren't displayed for sale to the public. If you have had goods stolen, you may ask the proprietor to search their register. Most owners are sympathetic to your plight and will comply with your request.

Pawn brokers record identifying information about the goods they receive. This is periodically relayed to the Police who compare goods reported stolen and goods held at pawn brokers. Goods are identified by their Make / Model / Serial number and engravings. It is important to engrave your possessions with a personal identifier and record all serial numbers. See your zone co-ordinator for free access to an engraver. For pieces of Jewellery a photographic record is imperative, be sure to photograph the jewellery next to a ruler or coin (to establish size).

Mobile phones are a huge item in the second hand market, and equally difficult to describe. Second hand dealers are only obliged to record the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number of the handset. Type ***#06#** on the keypad to display the IMEI of your mobile.

Police Report

- 31 July Streisand Drive. Burglary with Breaking. Two offenders entered via side gate then shattered rear glass sliding door. Removed DVD player, a number of compact disks and a watch.
- 27 July Streisand Drive. Wilful Damage. (11pm). Offender removed the top from a garden ornament (bird bath), then proceeded to drop the top on the footpath.
- 31 July Van Dyke Cres. Burglary with Breaking. (8pm). Offenders have thrown a large rock through the second level bedroom window, subsequently gaining entry to the residence. Nothing was taken.
- 28 Aug Spielberg Street. Piece of fruit thrown through glass door.

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).

Safety Audit

We will be discussing the safety audit at the next meeting. A number of people have already indicated their interest in completing the safety audit of our area. More information at the next meeting.

To get you thinking-here is the recommended checklist.

More information is available from:

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/pr/program/audit/intro.shtml>

YOU'VE WITNESSED A CRIME, WHAT NOW ?

- **DO NOT confront the offender/s**
- **Make quick notes on what you've seen**
Take notes on the date, time, place, number of people involved. Note details of vehicles involved
- **Phone the Police immediately**
Give a good description of the offender/s.
What happens to this information?
It is categorised and dealt with accordingly.
- **You may be asked to make a statement!**
Take the time to do this as offenders faced with a witness statement often realise that they can't get away with their crime and admit their guilt.
- **What happens if they don't admit their guilt, and the case goes to court?**
You may be asked to be a witness in court. Witness evidence can be vital for a conviction.

http://www.police.qld.gov.au/pr/services/newsletters/nhw/spr_2003/witnessed.shtml

1. General Impressions
2. Lighting
3. Sightlines
4. Isolation from being seen
5. Nearby Land uses
6. Movement predictability
7. Signs
8. Public transport stops
9. Overall Design
10. Maintenance
11. Improvements

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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