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FROM THE CEO

INGRID STONHILL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

Greetings,

It is unbelievable to me that we are through the halfway mark of the year, where has it gone? So much has been happening for us here at Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. I have shared a few snapshots of what we have been up to over the last few months and provided a brief outline of some of the work we have been doing.

At long last we were able to acknowledge our 2015 NHWA award recipients. 2015 saw a clean sweep to Queensland, winning everything, which is a first. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to present Sandy Atkinson with her Police Employee of the Year Award and to chat with Queensland Commissioner Ian Stewart, and past board member Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart, and present board member Inspector Les Bulluss.

We have had the opportunity to participate in the Remote Communities Project, in Laverton, Western Australia where we are working as part of an agency network to establish a whole-of-community safety action plan. We were able to take part in the Strategic Planning event for Neighbourhood Watch Victoria, and had the opportunity to discuss strategies with Victoria Police and meet with Commissioner Graham Ashton and former President of NHWA, Assistant Commissioner Tess Walsh. We welcomed the opportunity to outline our strategies and projects to Tasmania Police and NHW Tasmania. We are delighted that Commissioner Darren Hlne appears in this edition's Community Interview.

One of our priorities is offering community training days and we were privileged to offer NHW Northern Territory the opportunity to

learn more about NHW programs and work with other key community safety agencies. This also afforded us the opportunity to meet with Northern Territory Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw, discussing how we may progress with some of our key projects in the Top End.

It was fabulous to have the opportunity to attend the NT Government Volunteer of Year Award. Congratulations to Angie Cornall for receiving an award for Volunteering Achievement for Neighbourhood Watch Northern Territory.



NHWA CEO Ingrid Stonhill with Victorian Police Commissioner Graham Ashton and Assistant Commissioner Tess Walsh.



Clockwise from top left:
Commissioner Ian Stewart, Ingrid, Inspector Les Bulluss and Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart.
Ingrid, Commissioner Ian Stewart and Sandy Atkinson, Police Employee of the Year 2015.
President Bernie Durkin, CEO, Minister Keenan, Andrew Hastie and WA NHW volunteers.
Ingrid Stonhill, Angie Cornall and Tracy-Dale Middleton.
Ingrid and Chief Minister Adam Giles.

“It was fabulous to have the opportunity to attend the NT Government Volunteer of Year Award. Congratulations to Angie Cornall for receiving an award for Volunteering Achievement for Neighbourhood Watch Northern Territory.”

I am delighted to welcome Elaine Boyd and Angela Moore to our National Office. We have some big work ahead of us and I know they will make a valuable contribution to our team and our projects.

All of this would not have been possible without the ongoing

support of the Federal Government funding. NHTWA is delighted to be able to work in partnership with the Australian Federal Government to bring you the many projects and programs funded by them, especially in 2016 as this marks our 10th anniversary.

We will be acknowledging this achievement at our AGM in Brisbane later this year.

The Community Funding Program is now open and I hope you and your local NHTW group will be applying for a local project. This year will also mark our inaugural Neighbourhood Watch Week and the launch of Neighbourhood Watch Connect, our new smartphone App!

There are many interesting stories and news in this edition, I certainly hope you enjoy them.

Stay safe

Ingrid

BOARD MEMBERS



Bernie Durkin – President, Western Australia

Bernie is the Executive Manager for the Community Engagement Division of the Western Australia Police. Part of this role encompasses the position of WA State Director for NHW. In 1988 Bernie joined WA Police as a sworn Police Officer then switching to a Public Servant in 2008. In his current role Bernie manages a team of crime prevention community engagement staff and is extensively involved with NHW at both a State and National level. Bernie is currently the President of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



Clare McGrath – Vice President, ACT

Clare is currently the Vice-President and Board Member of the ACT Neighbourhood Watch Association. Clare has been an active member of NHW since 1985, primarily in the Ainslie Suburb of Canberra where she has lived since 1962 after moving from Melbourne.

Clare is employed with the Australian Electoral Commission and this is a busy role. Clare is a self-professed sports lover and a one eyed Hawthorn supporter.



Margaret Pearson – Secretary/Treasurer

Throughout Margaret's career she has made a significant contribution to the voluntary sector by being involved with numerous community organizations including ACT Neighbourhood Watch Association Inc. where she held a number of positions within that organisation including President.

Having lived overseas for a number of years Margaret returned, with her family, to Canberra where she continues to follow her great interest in local and international politics. Margaret is currently the secretary/treasurer of NHWA.



Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid has extensive experience in local government, federal government and non government agencies, predominantly focused on community development, crime prevention and community engagement – within the voluntary, policing and government sectors.

Ingrid has been an elected local body politician, an advisor to a senior Member of Parliament, run her own Public Relations and Marketing business and spent two years as a volunteer in the Pacific Islands. Ingrid brings to NHWA an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the organisation as a founding member and administrator of the board. Ingrid was the inaugural National Manager of Neighbourhood Support New Zealand prior to immigrating to Australia.



Detective Station Sergeant Jason Kennedy - ACT

Detective Station Sergeant Jason Kennedy has recently been appointed as the Officer in Charge of the newly formed Community Safety Team in ACT Policing.

Jason has been an operational police officer in the ACT for more than 20 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to improve community safety in the ACT.

Jason recognises that Neighbourhood Watch is a key partner of ACT Policing, and instrumental to a number of community safety strategies.

A new partnership has now been forged between Neighbourhood Watch and ACT Policing, and Jason has been appointed to the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Board.



Brad Shepherd - New South Wales

Chief Superintendent Brad Shepherd joined NSW Police Force in 1980. He currently serves as the Commander of Operational Programs and is the Corporate Sponsor for Crime Prevention and Chair of the Australia New Zealand Police Advisory Agency Crime Prevention Senior Officers Group. A 33 year career in law enforcement has spanned several roles including General Duties, Radio Technical, Covert Technical Surveillance, Staff Officer, Counter Terrorism, Operational Communications and Local Area Commander. Brad holds a Bachelor of Business (BBus) and a Master of Business Management (MBA).



David Cowan - Victoria

Superintendent Dave Cowan has been with Victoria Police for 26 years and currently manages the Community Safety Division within the Corporate Strategy and Operational Improvement Department. The Division comprises of the Drug and Alcohol Strategy Unit, the Victims Advisory Unit, the Safer Communities Unit, Diversion Alignment Project and the newly formed Policing Innovation and Research Unit.

Dave has led a range of organisational-wide reviews including counter terrorism; persons in police custody; family violence; and volume crime scene services in Victoria Police. Dave recently lead the development of the Victoria Police Corporate Plan 2016-2018 which shapes the future direction of the organisation aligned to the Blue Paper.

Dave has a Graduate Diploma in Executive Leadership and in 2013 was awarded the Australian Institute of Police Management, Australasian Policing Scholarship where he undertook studies at the John F Kennedy Harvard School of Government.

Paul Griggs - Northern Territory

A member of the NT Police Force with 28 years' service; Paul has served in a broad and diverse array of locations including Tennant Creek, General Duties Darwin, Drug Enforcement, Police College, Forensic Science Branch, Police Recruitment and most recently a move to the Public Safety Division. His current posting includes Neighbourhood Watch, Junior Police Rangers and Police Youth and Citizens Club (PCYC). In addition, Paul is a long-term member of the Northern Territory Police Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) team. Married with adult children and two grand-daughters, Paul's interests outside policing include family, motor sports and the activities associated with managing a 10-acre property in the tropics.



Pat Leary - Tasmania

Patricia Leary is currently the State Secretary Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania Inc. and immediate past president of NHTWA. Pat has professed to recently retiring, and indeed has stepped down from being the Deputy President Fair Work Commission (and its predecessors) for some 28 years; a Member/President Tasmanian Industrial Commission some 12 years; a Member/President Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal over a 20-year period.

Pat also served as the Chair of the Northern Territory Police Arbitral Tribunal (since 2002); and was Chair of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (since 2006). Pat still serves as Chair of the Tasmanian Police Review Board and Member (since 2004); Chair Red Cross Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal Fund Distribution Committee; and Chair of the Centenary of ANZAC Steering Committee (Tasmania).



Sharleen Stirling - New Zealand

Sharleen Stirling is currently the chair of Neighbourhood Support New Zealand and believes it is a fabulous opportunity for their organisation to be able to connect with NHTWA. She also looks forward to developing the relationship and the sharing of knowledge.

Sharleen has a background in education and working with young people and their families, helping them to grow and develop strengths that will support them through the challenges of life's journey.

Sharleen has had the privilege of founding Project Adapt, a service that supports families who have a young person in their care with a disability. She co-owns a coaching and facilitation business supporting individuals, groups and businesses to evaluate their strategic plans and intentionally start making them come to life.

Sharleen values being actively involved in the community in which she lives.



Les Bulluss - Queensland

Les joined the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in June 2000 after 13 years with the New South Wales Police. He has performed General Duties, Licensing, Water Police and Officer in Charge roles in New South Wales and Queensland.

In 2008 Les was promoted to Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Thursday Island; the only police division in Australia with an international border. In 2010 Les was awarded a Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship to travel to Canada and USA to research 'Culturally Appropriate Indigenous Community Policing Models'. Following the fellowship, Les made several recommendations to the QPS which were adopted into remote community policing models.

In 2011 Les was promoted to Inspector and in 2013 was appointed to his current role as Manager, Community Programs and Engagement, Community Contact Command. Les' portfolio includes the Crime Prevention, Cultural Support, Crime Stoppers, Victims Assist, Queensland Police Pipes and Drums, and Queensland Police Museum Units.

Les has a Graduate Diploma in Management from Central Queensland University and Graduate Certificate in Applied Management (Policing and Emergency Services) from Australian Institute of Police Management



Elaine Boyd - Executive Assistant

Elaine has extensive experience gained over 30 years working in administration and customer service with both large corporations and small businesses.

Elaine has held a variety of positions across a diverse range of industries including finance, retail, tourism, and construction.

Elaine has a Certificate IV in Financial Services, a certificate in Administration along with awards in Customer Service. She is currently undertaking a nutrition course online for her own awareness.

In her leisure time she is an avid runner, cyclist and enjoys working out at her local gym.



Angela Moore - Project Administrator

Angela established her own bookkeeping business, Moore Bookkeeping, in January 2013 after completing a Diploma of Accounting in 2012. Since 2009, Angela has undertaken the bookkeeping for her own business she owns with her husband and has a vast array of experience with many other businesses on the Sunshine Coast.

Angela is a BAS Registered agent, Institute of Certified Bookkeepers Member in Practice and a Xero Certified Advisor who is passionate about the bookkeeping industry.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia CHARTER

OUR VISION: Safe, connected and inclusive communities

OUR PURPOSE: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia promotes safe, connected and inclusive communities by fostering collaborative community safety and crime prevention partnerships between the community and police, by providing strategic leadership and coordination for Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support programs, and by advocating good practice and innovation.

OUR VALUES:

ADVOCACY – Progress national initiatives that service the principles of NHWA
UNITY – Foster unity across Australasia to capitalise on the potential of jurisdictions and their communities
BEST PRACTICE – Develop evidence based programs
SUPPORT – Assist jurisdictions to maximise the potential of NHWA programs
COOPERATION – Promote cooperation that respects the individuality of jurisdictions
INTEGRITY – Be transparent, inclusive and accountable in service delivery
CONNECTEDNESS – Collaborate over a shared vision of connected communities
EXCELLENCE – Demonstrate excellence in responding to community needs
PROACTIVITY – Be proactive in our approach to partnerships, innovation and advocacy

AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

- I am committed to the purpose and ideals of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia
- I am committed to the success of NHWA and its member programs
- I am committed to support and encourage my fellow members

AS A MEMBER OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

- I understand my purpose of belonging and accept my commitment to NHWA
- I understand my contribution is valued and respected
- I understand the importance of championing NHWA in my own jurisdiction

May 2016

Bernie Durkin (President, Western Australia)

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Nathan Finn (Northern Territory)

Jason Kennedy (AFP)

Claire McGrath (Vice President, ACT)

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10 Years

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INTERVIEW

WE TAKE A CASUAL LOOK AT WHAT COMMUNITY MEANS TO SOME OF OUR FRIENDS AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

In the community with ... Darren Hine

**Commissioner of Tasmania Police,
APM, Chair of the Australia
New Zealand Police Advisory Agency**



“Neighbourhood Watch is a great way for communities to know each other and to look out for each other and I would encourage any community to think about forming their own group.”

To you, what is the best thing about being Australian?

Living in an inclusive and diverse community where there is still a sense of belonging and connectedness to your local area. Also it's a great place to bring up kids in a safe community.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up on the north west coast of Tasmania in Smithton and Burnie with my parents, sister and brother. My parents were farmers.

What did you love the most about the area you grew up in?

I loved the sense of community where everyone looked out for one another. My parents and I felt safe about being allowed to move freely about. I was allowed to ride my bike around the community because my parents knew it was safe, and I felt safe doing it.

What is the first community event you remember going to?

The Stanley Show which is a small community agricultural show.

I remember getting lost at the show as a very young kid and getting reunited with my parents by one of the locals.

What do you think is the most important individual contribution you can make to create community spirit?

To get involved with local events, and if someone is struggling in the neighbourhood then the community rallies around to give them a hand.

When did you first hear about Neighbourhood Watch?

I first became aware of it when working in the Uniform Section in Burnie.

If you had to describe a Neighbourhood Watch program to a new resident to Australia, how would you describe it?

Neighbourhood Watch is where a member of the community can get involved to help make their neighbourhood safer through the sharing of information, getting to know each other and looking out for each other.

Do you believe it is important to your community safety to be connected to your neighbours?

Police cannot be everywhere and need everyone in the community to look

out for each other. For example, in my own community everyone keeps an eye out for people and vehicles that act suspiciously. We know each other's cars and movements and can tell if there's something out of the ordinary.

What is one example you can give about how you keep in contact with the people who live around you?

When I am out in the garden and often talk to my neighbours over the fence, or when I am going for a run I often chat to people in the neighbourhood.

Would you encourage your neighbours to start a Neighbourhood Watch group and why?

Neighbourhood Watch is a great way for communities to know

each other and to look out for each other and I would encourage any community to think about forming their own group.

What are the three favourite things you like doing in or around your neighbourhood?

I enjoy running for exercise around my community, taking the dogs for a walk and riding a pushbike with my kids.



At the NHTA May Board Meeting, the Board spent two days analysing and assessing the agreed project objectives, in order to ensure the best results possible for the community, in delivery of NHTA's

community safety and crime prevention services and programs.

With a slice of fruit cake during the afternoon tea break, the Board, along with ANZPAA CEO Jon White, took time to celebrate its success

in achieving Federal Government funding to allow NHTA to continue to work in partnership with police and the community, enabling safer and vibrant communities, through the Government's Safer Streets Program.

COMMONWEALTH FUNDS COMMUNITY-LED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

MEDIA RELEASE



Since coming to Government, a key focus of the Coalition has been doing everything we can to make our communities safer.

The Coalition's \$50 million Safer Streets Programme is just one way we are achieving this – boosting security nationwide to reduce street crime and violence, which in turn improves community safety.

More than \$19 million in funding has already been awarded under Round 1 of the Programme for projects across 150 locations to deliver security enhancements.

Today, the Coalition will build on this commitment by providing \$1.3 million to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia under Round Two of the Safer Streets Programme – a vital organisation which brings members of local communities and police together to promote a sense of belonging, encourage connectedness, increase perceptions of safety, and reduce crime.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia will receive funding to deliver five community-led safety and awareness programs to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety and security of communities across Australia.

These programs are vital in strengthening the relationship between police and the community, boosting local residents and businesses understanding of crime prevention, and encouraging community engagement in reducing the impacts of anti-social behaviour, street crime and violence in their own towns.

Importantly, the Safer Streets Programme redirects proceeds of crime– money and assets confiscated from criminals – to fund these local crime prevention projects. This means



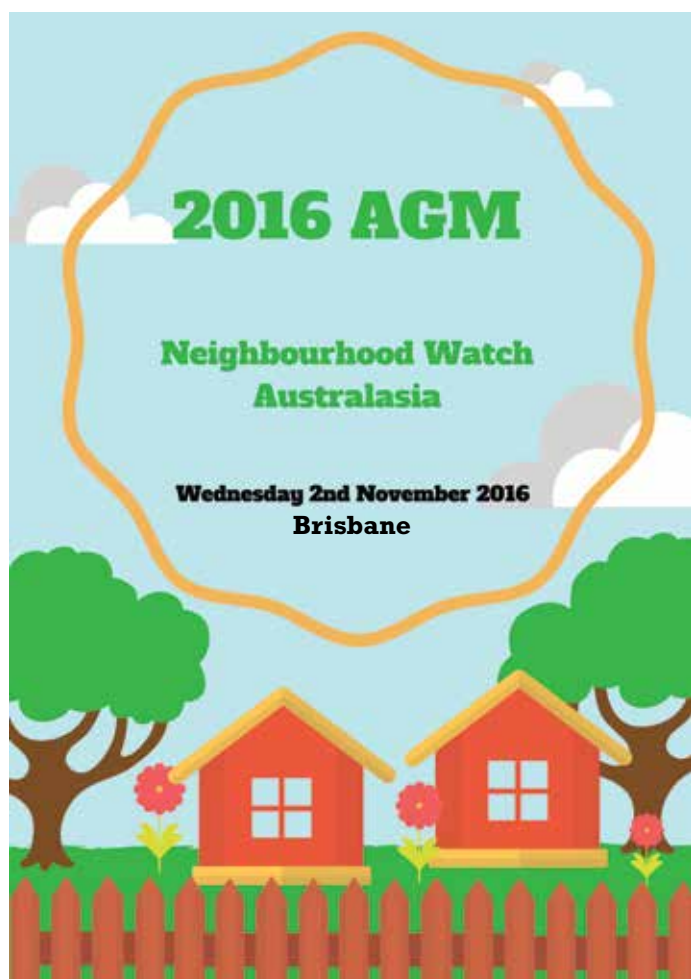
**The Hon Michael Keenan MP Minister for Justice
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for
Counter Terrorism**

that the crimes of yesterday are helping to prevent the crimes of tomorrow. The previous Labor government had frozen these funds so it could be used to improve its Budget bottom line instead of funding the fight against crime.

The Coalition will use every dollar we can to assist our law enforcement agencies and local communities in the fight against crime.

Safety awareness programs like these are a key part of our commitment to improve community safety and security by reducing street crime, violence and anti-social behaviour, and contributing to greater community resilience.

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Becoming a ThinkUKnow volunteer is easy!

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

Are you keen to learn how to keep your community safe online? Are you comfortable presenting to groups?

Then you should consider becoming a ThinkUKnow volunteer.

Along with more than 600 volunteers across Australia, you can play a part in keeping children safe online.

What is ThinkUKnow?

ThinkUKnow is a cyber safety program which aims to empower every Australian to be safe, respectful and resilient online.

The program includes interactive presentations which are delivered by our volunteers throughout schools and organisations across Australia.

We aim to educate parents, carers and teachers about the technology young people use, the challenges they may face and how to overcome them.

In 2015-16, ThinkUKnow delivered 360 presentations to 8,550 adults. Some 95 per cent of participants agreed that the presentation motivated them to take action.

What is it like to be a ThinkUKnow volunteer?

Our presentations are conducted by two volunteers, so you are never alone.

Our ThinkUKnow volunteers are central to the program's success. Without them our program would not exist.

By volunteering, you are helping us to deliver important online safety information to your community.

Volunteers deliver 90-minute cyber safety presentations to parents, carers and teachers during the evenings. These are usually at schools, libraries or community centres.

Once a presentation is confirmed with our booking centre, you'll be able to log in to our presenter portal to download all the resources you need.

What can I expect as a volunteer?

By volunteering, you are helping us to deliver important



online safety information to your community.

We provide in-person or online training to all our volunteers throughout the year.

We provide all the resources needed to deliver a session, including the interactive PowerPoint presentation and a volunteer manual with full speaking notes.

Do I need to be a cyber safety expert?

Our volunteers are not required to have a cyber safety background and are not expected to be an expert in the field, by any means!

Our current volunteers come from all walks of life, each with their own personal value to add to the program.

Our volunteers: Meet Graham Higgerson

Our number one fan and ThinkUKnow volunteer Graham Higgerson of Neighbourhood Watch has been with the program for over two years and considers the program integral to educating parents and families on cyber safety.

Graham joined the program back in March 2014 and previously spent a significant part of his working life helping young scientists and engineers develop skills to go forward in their careers. Once he retired, he felt the program seemed like a natural extension to encourage families to develop the insight and skills they would need to be safe online.

"It has certainly been a rewarding experience over the past two years

day at work, give freely their leisure time to raise awareness of the issues facing our children. The appreciation expressed by parents and carers who, in many cases, little appreciated the challenges their children (and they themselves) face in the online world."

In 2015-16, Graham delivered the greatest number of ThinkUKnow presentations, taking out the title for the second year running.

"Our volunteers are not required to have a cyber safety background and are not expected to be an expert in the field, by any means!"

or so, having learned much from a number of my co-presenters and meeting several challenges, ranging from audiences with limited English to competing for attention with a couple of wandering dogs who preferred checking out the rest of the attendees listening to the presentation."

"What has always struck me has been the commitment of the presenters who, after spending an often arduous

The team at the ThinkUKnow are always grateful for the effort Graham puts in, and the extra mile he literally will go to get the message out, often travelling well and truly out of his local area.

How do I get involved?

We bet you're wondering how to apply.

1. Get in touch with Elaine Boyd through admin@nhwa.com.au and request an application form.

2. Send this form through to cyber-safety@afp.gov.au along with a completed National Police Check form.
3. Once these have been processed, we will contact you with further information about accessing ThinkUKnow resources and training.

About ThinkUKnow

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the AFP, Microsoft, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and is delivered in collaboration with State and Territory Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



Police arrest safe breakers with assistance from East Killara Neighbourhood Watch

On 5 January 2012, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported as follows:

“Police allege that \$2.19 million in notes, \$US600,000, 120 kilograms of silver bullion, war medals, five firearms and 3000 pieces of gold and silver jewellery were found when they raided a storage shed at a Waterloo apartment connected to Phillip See, 33 and his father, Christopher See, 56, two weeks after they were arrested over a multi-million-dollar burglary at a Melbourne storage facility at Ivanhoe.”

Their Sydney burglaries commenced in 2004 between Hornsby and the Harbour Bridge. In May 2011 East Killara was the target of burglars who were using angle grinders to remove safes from houses. Senior Constable Paul Cleary spoke to the East Killara Neighbourhood Watch group asking if any residents had heard unusual noise from power tools during the night, coming from neighbouring houses. The reason nothing was heard became obvious a few months later. An East Killara resident had been away for the weekend and upon returning home, he found water trickling under the

front door. On entering the house he found mattresses placed against all the windows so neighbours could not hear the noise of the power tools. Burglars had removed the safe out of the floor and used the garden hose to cool the tools. This resident attended one of the first Neighbourhood Watch all areas meetings of the NSW Police Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command to seek urgent police action. Paul Cleary organised a “Ku-ring-gai Police Information Sheet” to be delivered to 1000 houses in the East Killara area, by Neighbourhood Watch and Paul. Police also set up a Breathalyser Unit to try and intercept the burglars.

On the same night this resident was burgled, a second resident, who lives in the same street was also burgled. Among the items stolen from the second resident were several silver perfume bottles which he had bought from an antique dealer in Victoria. A few weeks later the second resident had a ring from this antique dealer, saying he could get a better price in his shop than the second resident would get at auction. The second resident explained they



East Killara NHW Koola Avenue Community Day.

had been stolen. He immediately rang Hornsby police to notify them that his stolen perfume bottles were about to be auctioned in Melbourne. Then, following suggestions from the committee, members of East Killara Neighbourhood Watch who realised the connection between the two burglaries, the second resident rang Hornsby police again to explain the connection between the two burglaries in their street. Immediately Ku-ring-gai Police contacted Melbourne Police to have the silver perfume bottles withdrawn from sale. The names of Christopher and Philip See, who had submitted the perfume bottles for action, were then forwarded to Strike Force Better which included officers from Ku-ring-gai and North Shore Police and the State Crime



Command's property and crime squad which was set up in September.

One outcome of their arrest is stated in *The Sunday Telegraph* on 16 January 2016:

"See, 37, faced central local court on Wednesday on almost 200 charges, including break and enters at 137 North Shore homes. His lawyer Simon Joynor told the court an agreement had been reached with the DPP where See would plea guilty to only 13 charges ... and have more than 20 taken into consideration by the sentencing judge when See appears before the Sydney District Court in February. By accepting the plea, prosecutors avoided having to run a lengthy trial where more than 150 witnesses may have been called."



Scent bottles.

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Junior Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

Some of the most rewarding moments of my day are the connections made within my wider community.

LOUISE GREVEL, JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT COORDINATOR, WAITAKERE



Working together, we all promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in young students, whilst making an effort to recognise positive initiatives, attitudes and behaviour. We have guidelines for our Junior Neighbourhood Support (JNS) award criteria and endeavour to commend our youth achievements, celebrating with peers and wider community.



Out and about on a recent expedition, I had an unexpected reunion with a lovely friend and participant of the JNS programme, Whaea Laura from Birdwood School. We quickly established my availability to attend the school assembly she was organising the following week, and she shared the latest accomplishments about a fantastic group of students who all qualified for awards under the 'assistance rendered' category. How exciting it is to hear of such good deeds outside of our work day, with pride and delight.

Pictured here with Constable Lua, are a group of community spirited young citizens who rescued a dog from a stream. It is reported that the dog was in a very bad way and these children gave up their time and made a huge effort to continue to care for it until animal welfare could attend. This was a

massive team effort and it was great to be able to acknowledge these students in front of their proud school whanau - what great role models they are!

Another young student was also the recipient of a JNS Award as he found a couple of little people wandering around after school, quickly notified the school office, then staying with them, entertaining them very patiently. This young man was absent the day we attended, so Constable Jen and I made a special trip back to present the award to this star student who has a very caring nature at the next school assembly - another great community role model!

Check out those smiles with Ranui Community Constable Luatangi Li, Constable Jen Burgess - NPT and proud Whaea Laura from Birdwood School.

Achievement acknowledged



A recent function held at the Masterton District Council chambers, the Council was presented with a Certificate by Kelsey Scarr, National Manager for Neighbourhood Support NZ, in recognition of all elected members of the Council joining a local Neighbourhood Support group.

The Councillor's are understood to be the first in the country to have all joined Neighbourhood Support in entirety.

In the Wairarapa, Neighbourhood Support is administered by Connecting Communities Wairarapa with support from the Masterton District Council, local Police, the Fire Service and Civil Defence.

"It is hoped, other councils in the Wairarapa will follow this lead," said Lynette Juno, Masterton Neighbourhood Support Coordinator. "I understand the Carterton Council are being encouraged to join."

Pictured are (from left to right), Donna Howard, Area Commander Wairarapa, NZ Police; Lynette

Juno, Masterton Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator; Kelsey Scarr, National Manager Neighbourhood Support New Zealand; Murray Pike, Senior Fire Officer Masterton; Graham McClymont, Deputy Mayor Masterton District Council; Jonathan Hooker, Civil Defence; and Grant Detheridge-Davies, Wairarapa Rural Fire.



A day in the life of Community Engagement Police Officer Jenny Hamilton

Community Engagement Police Officers (CEPOs) have arguably one of the most diverse roles in the entire NT Police Force.

What started as a trial program in 2011 has grown into a vital part of policing in remote Northern Territory communities.

Eight CEPOs service 54 remote indigenous communities and their outstations across the NT.

They provide crime prevention and community engagement support and advice to local Police through the Officer in Charge (OIC) of each district.

CEPOs develop and sustain a number of crime prevention and community engagement initiatives

in their communities. Their aim is to increase ownership, leadership and participation rates from traditional owners, elders, youth and community members through local initiatives.

They work in partnership with local police, community members, night patrols, fire, rescue and emergency services units, government agencies (both Commonwealth and Territory), service providers and other organisations to reduce crime, reduce fear of crime and improve relationships.

These dedicated officers are continually travelling between their allocated communities – spending up to six months or more of the year away from their homes and loved ones.

We spent a day with Jenny Hamilton, then-Central CEPO covering Santa Teresa, Ntaria, Willowra, Ti Tree, Laramba, Harts Range and Utju.

CEPOs can drive six hours from community to community and cover more than 1000km in a day.

In a typical day, CEPO Hamilton will visit many remote community stakeholders and address issues of concern within the community.

7.30am – Walking School Bus

Working in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government funded Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) officers, Jenny knocks on every door of every house, every day, encouraging kids to come to school.

“We help empower parents to support their child to make the right choices and get a good education,” she said.

8.30am – Junior school

Implementing the ‘safe4kids’ training program, Jenny works with the young kids, identifying who can be their safety team during the school holidays if their usual ‘safe adults’ are away.

They need to know in advance who they will go to if trouble looms and where is safe if something happens and they need help.

10.30am – Mums & Bubs

CEPO Hamilton sits down with the young mums and talks to them about domestic violence.

This week, Jenny is working on explaining what ‘mandatory’ reporting means as there is no translatable word in the local language.

The message is clear and reinforced – domestic violence and the abuse of women and children won’t be tolerated.

Midday – Lunchtime licences

After meeting the mums, CEPO Hamilton catches up with young people keen to get their driver’s licences. The group meet at the recreational hall where she delivers road safety lessons to enable people to get a driver’s licence. Today they talk about road signs.

1.30pm – Community Safety Committee (CSC) meeting

One of the most valued engagements of her day, CEPO Hamilton meets with the traditional owners, elders, and other strong men and women who are determined to work as a collective to make their community safer.

The broader committee comprises local council and local authority members, service providers, education, health and the night patrol. The meeting is chaired by police.

She helps local police explain the law and listens to what the community safety needs are.

The outcome is the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for that community for 2016, which is agreed to and signed by all members of the committee.

The plan is made by the community for the community in order to strengthen mutual respect and working partnerships, reduce domestic and personal violence, reduce drug and alcohol abuse and improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

The committee and the plan are popular with the people because they have a say in their own future and improvements for their own safety.





3.30pm – Art Centre – ‘cheeky dogs’ chat

CEPO Hamilton discusses the need for dog owners to report ‘cheeky dogs’ that are in their area, biting people or running wild through the community.

4.30pm – Footy training

She’s now with the local football team at training near the oval about their ongoing commitment to the ‘No More’ campaign. She reinforces how proud the community is of the strength these fellas are showing to stand together and link up to say ‘No More’ to family and domestic violence.

Night patrol

After footy, CEPO Hamilton meets with the community safety night patrol team to exchange information and identify hot spots to reduce crime on the streets.

The Night Patrolers tell her not only who’s causing the trouble, but what lies behind it and why.

About 9pm –Day’s end

The day is at an end and Jenny winds down at the community centre listening to the local gospel choir.

Recently NHWA held an information night in July.

You are invited to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Information Night

Wednesday 13th July 2016

5.30 - 8.30 pm

Darwin Sailing Club, Atkins Dr, Fannie Bay

Dinner and refreshments will be provided

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Ingrid Stonhill – NHWA CEO
 Ameena Serao – Victims of Crime
 Jayde Martin – Crime Stoppers NT
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Community Camera Alliance

On 12 February 2016, the Mackay Police District launched a project within the district called the Community Camera Alliance. The project is a six-month trial aimed at building and promoting relationships within Mackay District to stop crime and make our community safer. It is the result of a joint initiative between the Officer in Charge of the Mackay Division and Acting Officer in Charge of the Mackay Northern Beaches Division, Senior Sergeants Jeremy and Emma Novosel.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) has become a crucial investigative tool in modern day policing. CCTV holdings are regularly used to investigate and solve often serious crimes. CCTV provides an unquestionable account as to the identity of offenders and what actions were undertaken by offenders during the commission of an offence. This is invaluable during an investigation and subsequent prosecution. The challenge for police is knowing where CCTV systems are located and accessing them in a timely and efficient manner.

The Community Camera Alliance project team recognised that recent advancements in technology and affordability had resulted in not only more commercial premises utilising CCTV but also an increase in more people choosing to use CCTV at their homes for safety and security purposes. The project team also identified that although the Queensland Police Service presently collects information surrounding CCTV holdings from victims of crime, there was no provision for members of the community who had not been a victim or witness to crime to be proactive

in their community and register with police that they have CCTV holdings.

The Community Camera Alliance encourages individuals or businesses to register their system with the Mackay Police District. The registration process is available both in person and online via the Mackay Police Blog <http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/mackay>. Information surrounding the CCTV registration is stored in the secure Queensland Police Database, QPRIME and is accessible for the purposes of investigating crime. Using Intelligence products, the location of registered CCTV holdings are able to be identified by investigators who are then quickly able to determine where holdings may be in relation to the location of an incident. This can include capturing the commission of an offence as well as the route taken by an offender prior to and following the incident. If police identify that a CCTV system registered with the Community Camera Alliance may be able to assist in solving a crime, the owner or operator of that system will be contacted by police and asked to help.

Whilst the trial only initially targeted the Mackay and Mackay Northern Beaches Divisions, registrations have also been received from businesses and residences from the Walkerston Division. Harnessing the community spirit within Bowen, police have also recently launched the project within Bowen to encourage the registration of CCTV within that community.

The Mackay Northern Beaches Neighbourhood Watch group



have been instrumental in promoting the Community Camera Alliance amongst the community with members personally approaching businesses and residents within the area to encourage registrations from the Mackay community.

Since the launch in February, there have been two Community Camera Alliance registrations that have been instrumental in solving break and enter offences. One registration was from a commercial premise and the other from a residential location. In both cases, offenders' identities and actions were captured on CCTV. On the two different occasions, police were able to access this footage quickly and identify the offenders resulting in swifter outcomes for the victims of crime.

The Community Camera Alliance team continue to work with community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch to promote this project and its benefits across the Mackay District. The project team is proud of the achievement to date and looks forward to reporting the results of the Mackay trial to the Queensland Police Executive with a view to expanding the initiative statewide.



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Registration form

Residential CCTV

Name (as it appears on Driver's Licence) _____

 DOB _____
 Unit number (if applicable) _____
 Street number _____
 Street name _____
 Suburb _____
 Postcode _____
 Contact number _____
 Email address _____

Commercial CCTV

Organisation Name (full trading name) _____

 Business type _____
 Shop/unit number (if applicable) _____
 Street number _____
 Street name _____
 Suburb _____
 Postcode _____

24 hour contact name _____
 24 hour contact number _____
 Email address _____
 Alternate contact name _____
 Alternate contact number _____
 CCTV operator and contact
 (if monitored by a security company) _____

CCTV system details

Number of cameras _____
 Description of area recorded _____

 Image retention period (if known) _____

 CCTV system make/brand _____
 CCTV system model _____



Mackay Police thanks you for the voluntary registration of your CCTV system. We are committed to establishing valuable partnerships to stop crime and make our community safer.

Community Camera Alliance is a Queensland Police Service (QPS) voluntary closed circuit television (CCTV) registration program. Community Camera Alliance is an initiative of the Mackay Police District that aims to promote the relationship between the community and the QPS by encouraging the registration of CCTV systems located in Mackay in order to prevent crime and make the community safer.

CCTV has become a crucial investigative tool in modern day policing. CCTV footage holdings are regularly used to investigate and solve often serious crimes and is invaluable when used as evidence. It provides an unquestionable account as to the identity of offenders and what actions were undertaken by offenders during the commission of an offence. CCTV images can potentially reduce investigation times resulting in swifter outcomes.

Historically, investigators have benefitted from CCTV systems installed in business or commercial premises. Recent advancements in technology, affordability and accessibility have resulted in more people choosing to utilise CCTV at their homes for a range of safety and security purposes.

Knowing the location of established CCTV systems within the community will maximise the efficiency of investigative resources and minimise the loss of potential evidence. Locating cameras can be time consuming and resource intensive but is considered crucial, particularly in the case of serious investigations.

The intent of the Mackay Police District is to build positive community partnerships to assist in crime detection and prevention by establishing a voluntary register that identifies the location of as many CCTV systems within our residential community and commercial precincts.

Can I register?

Registration is open to any individual, owner or operator of a CCTV system within the Mackay Police District.

How will my CCTV system be registered?

All you need to do is to complete a registration form and your voluntary registration will be stored in an existing secure database named QPRIME which is utilised and solely accessed by members of the QPS.

You can complete the registration form on the back of this brochure, or online at <http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/mackay/community-camera-alliance/>

The registration form can be return to the Mackay Crime Prevention Unit either in person at the Mackay Police Station or by mail at PO Box 261, Mackay, QLD 4740.

How will my CCTV registration be used?

Members of the QPS will be able to access the details of your registration for purposes of investigating crime.

CCTV footage may be used for court purposes.

Security of the information you provide will be maintained by the Queensland Police Service.

If you change your mind, you can notify us at any time to have your registration removed from the database.

Your registration advises police where a CCTV system is located. If police believe that your system can assist to solve a crime or help in any other way, you will be contacted and asked to help.

What information do I need to provide to register?

If you have a CCTV system at your home that you would like to register, we require your full name (as it appears on your driver's licence), your current residential address, your contact details and some details regarding your CCTV system.

If you have a CCTV system at your business premises that you would like to register, we require the full trading name of the business, the physical address of the business, the contact details for the owner and operator of the CCTV system and some details regarding the CCTV system.

Mackay Police 4968 3444

In an emergency dial **Triple Zero (000)**

For non-urgent matters, think Policelink.

Call 131 444

Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000**

Mackay myPolice blog

<http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/mackay/>

Neighbourhood Watch Mackay

<http://mackay.nhwq.org/>



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What's happening in Tasmania

Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania has announced some positive and affirmative action to support the residents and home owners of Primrose Sands.

State President, Jan Dunsby, recently advised that Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania will provide funding to enable up to six security cameras to be installed at strategic points across the town.

"Although there is not a designated Neighbourhood Watch in the area, we believe that supporting the community in this way pro-actively sends out a message that crimes of this type must be stopped in their tracks," said Ms Dunsby.



"We have undertaken this support for the Primrose Sands community in consultation with Tasmania Police, with whom we have a partnership agreement. We are also working collaboratively with Crimestoppers Tasmania on strategies in this area."

A donation of two street signs will complete our support in this area. There are also early discussions as to the formation of a Watch in the area as a result of our visit to the community.

As we go to print there has been one arrest, primarily as a result to information provided by the local community.

This involvement by NHWT attracted much media interest.

Evandale Neighbourhood Watch hosts NBN presentation

Evandale Neighbourhood Watch recently hosted a community presentation on the implementation of NBN in the area, with a diverse range of providers also being present to inform members of the community in attendance.

Evandale is likely to be the first Tasmanian town completely connected to fibre to the node (FTTN). Although FTTN is not as fast as fibre to the premises (FTTP) it is believed it will be more than adequate in this area.

Evandale Neighbourhood Watch member and event organiser, Kathryn Heathcote, was pleased with the attendance of more than 150 people and said the event had achieved its goal.

"A lot of people don't understand the NBN, so this was a way of

helping them to understand it," Mrs Heathcote said.

Feedback from people who attended the event was positive and they felt they were more informed after attending the presentation. Attendees also appreciated the goodie bags put together by the committee.

The build in Evandale is expected to be completed in July, just seven months after commencement.

We congratulate Evandale Neighbourhood Watch on this initiative.

30-Year Anniversary

This year we will acknowledge the wonderful achievement of the 30-year anniversary for the State Body of Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania.

Formed as a result of the vision of Dr Michael Readett, at its peak there were more than 160 member Watches. Today the membership is around two-thirds that number;

however in some cases a Watch commences as a result of a short-term crime spike and eventually folds as that matter is resolved. Maybe we should use this as a measure of success!

During October we intend to hold events to mark our anniversary in both the south and north of the state. Planning is well under way including some very interesting and entertaining speakers.

Western District Bush Watch

The Liawenee, Inland Fisheries Open Weekend in May was attended by members of the Western District Bush Watch.

Neil Morrow and Paul Middleton from IFS take an active role on the Bush Watch committee so they were keen to support the event, which was also attended by committee members Detective Constable Russell Broomhall and Constable Melissa Bell.

Pokémon Go safety tips



Pokémon Go is a location based, real world and virtual world interactive game for your smartphone. The game, a totally new activity, sees players of all ages, often in large groups, walking in the real world, but looking at their phone screens. The game at its most basic level, requires you to locate and catch Pokémon, that are tracked by you and seen only on your phone.

The game was released in July, and has become the most popular game in US history, in just one month.

Whilst there are many benefits to the Pokémon game such as allowing people of all ages to connect over a common interest, encouraging group or individual exercise, a good chase and let's face it some good fun, there are also a few safety tips to consider.

It is easy to get totally absorbed in your pursuit to catch 'em, however:

Use your awareness - look up frequently and see what is around you, checking for potholes, parked cars, street signs and power poles.

Don't cross roads without stopping first - never cross a road without stopping to check the traffic conditions first.

Don't lose sight of your situation - keep track of where you are and who you are with. An isolated park might be fine to explore in the afternoon with friends but would not be wise to explore at night on your own.

People safety - Pokéstops and Pokégym are fixed locations, that will attract many different players and people. Remember that even though you are all playing the same game, these people are still strangers.



Don't be lured by potentially unsafe Lures - Lures are engineered to bring Pokémon characters to a particular location by a sponsor. Ensure you are aware of the context and the situation you are really in when following a Lure.

Co-pilot your children - parents have to help monitor situations for their children, set rules and guidelines. The game may expand your children's neighbourhood horizons in a good way, but know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing.

Huonville and Bridgewater students Kokoda bound

Teenagers from Bridgewater and Huonville high schools tackled the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea in July thanks to the efforts of Huonville's Constable Craig Vermey.



Through his work with the Huon Valley PCYC, Constable Vermey made a successful application for a \$78,000 Duke of Edinburgh International Award grant to bring the trip to fruition.

Constable Vermey and his Bridgewater-based colleague Senior Constable Byron Howard were two of four supervisors who travelled to Kokoda and accompany the 12 teens on their walk. The constables' work forms part of Tasmania Police's early intervention principles of engaging 'at risk' youth.

The students completed the 'Adventurous Journey' component of the award and their trip was made possible through the Flight Centre Foundation's sponsorship.

The group departed on July 7 and had nine days in the mountains, completing memorial services at "Brigade Hill" and a dawn service at the Isurava Memorial.

Each day involved hiking 7-10 hours per day, camping in local villages, visiting the small schools, and enjoying the company of the locals.

Two nights in Port Moresby and a visit to the Bomana War Cemetery,

"Each day involved hiking 7-10 hours per day, camping in local villages, visiting the small schools, and enjoying the company of the locals."

where 3,000 servicemen are buried, concluded the trip.

Nine of the participants are from Huonville High School and three are from Jordan River Senior School at Bridgewater.

Prior to the trip, Constable Vermey said, "These kids would never otherwise get the chance to do something like this.

"They're all so excited and so enthusiastic about what is to come.

"We're all currently increasing our strength and fitness by doing regular gym sessions, group fitness classes and bushwalking.

"A walk on a local track to "Sleeping Beauty" covers about six kilometres and a rise of almost 1000 metres in elevation and is giving everyone a taste of what is to come," he said.

KC says: You are never too young to learn about safety!

ROB WARD, CASEY NHW



The Casey NHW mascot is KC the Neighbourhood Watch Dog, and she travels the length and breadth of the municipality visiting kindergartens, teaching young children about safety.

Developed as a great way to get the message across to really young children, KC (actually Debbie Medley, Secretary of Casey NHW) and her friend (Maureen Fowler our Minutes Secretary) read and act out a simple story for the children.

One day, KC was visiting the park with her family. She was having a great time! Birds to chase and sunshine to enjoy!

But KC wandered away to have a look at a little duckling by the lake. She was so entranced that she did not notice when the family called her to come to go home! When she realised they had gone without her, she was a bit worried, after all she was supposed to be KC the Neighbourhood Watch dog and now she was all alone!

Then she saw the policeman walking towards her! She was so happy! Of course she knew all about the police, after all she was KC the Neighbourhood Watch dog! She knew the policeman would help her find her family!

We won't spoil the story for you by telling it all here, but of course it does have a happy ending and the children learn that the police are their friends and are there to help. In the multicultural society such as we have today, this is an important lesson for children, many of whom may have come from places where the police were perhaps not to be trusted.

Each child is left with a booklet that tells the story again and that they can keep and take home. This simple program has met with resounding success, and kids really love KC as can be seen from the photos.

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2016



General Information

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN FOR THE 2016 NHWA COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM ON **MONDAY 1st AUGUST, 2016 AND CLOSE AT 5PM WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST, 2016**

APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED AND SUBMITTED ON-LINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE **WWW.NHWA.COM.AU**

What is the NHWA Community Funding Program?

The Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Community Funding Program (CFP) has been created to encourage participation in community safety and crime prevention through Neighbourhood Watch Programs. The Neighbourhood Watch Program is a community lead safety and awareness program that aims to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in the community.

A Neighbourhood Watch program gives people cause and confidence to make contact with and simply talk to, their neighbours.

A Neighbourhood Watch program helps people feel more connected to each other in their community. Community participation and a shared responsibility for what is happening in the local neighbourhood can be vital to individual safety.

By communicating with neighbours, local police and local governments, everyone can share important information that will help make each community a safer place. Neighbours are in the best position to notice when something unusual is happening in the local area and to report any suspicious activity to police.

What is the 2016 funding for?

The 2016 grants will be focused on any Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention or community safety project that can:

- increase communication and knowledge
- reduce preventable crime
- encourage reporting of criminal or suspicious activity
- improve the quality of information passed on to police
- improve the level of home security
- improve personal safety
- encourage property marking
- help reduce the fear of crime particularly for the elderly in the local community



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An Australian Government Initiative

What can I do in my Community?

We would like you to facilitate the development of a community initiative aimed at improving your community safety, reducing and preventing crime and the fear of crime. Through this initiative we would like you to promote community participation and a shared responsibility for community safety through the exchange of information and partnership building between you and your local police.

If you get together with members in your street/neighbourhood to address anti-social behaviours or crime that is affecting you all, then it will help strengthen your community's capacity to create local solutions for local problems.

A summary of successful 2015 Community funding projects can be viewed on line at our website at www.nhwa.com.au

Funding amounts and time periods

Funds will be available to a maximum of \$3,000 per application for your community to develop and implement community safety and crime prevention initiatives. Funding applications for small grants of under \$1 000 are encouraged. Your initiative can be for more than three months in duration, but funding will not be provided for more than three months.

Who is eligible to apply to the NHWA Community Funding Program?

All applicants must be:

- From a member jurisdiction of NHWA
- A NHW that is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation OR
- An organisation sponsoring an unincorporated NHW that is an not-for-profit organisation OR
- A Local Government Authority working in partnership with NHW OR
- A Member on behalf of an Australian Police Force/Service working in partnership with the community.

Go to the NHWA website www.nhwa.com.au to get more information and examples of projects or contact NHWA on cfp@nhwa.com.au



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Neighbourhood Watch WA scales new heights

Queens Riverside Apartments in Central Perth contacted Neighbourhood Watch WA as a solution to address a number of anti-social issues that was happening in their apartment complex.

Criminals were using anonymity among residents to bypass security and engage in criminal activities such as theft and selling drugs.

A series of meetings with the Council of Owners, Strata Management, Building Management and Sergeant Warren Ameduri from the Eyes on the Street program, Neighbourhood Watch WA was able to assist the complex in implementing a structured program to help address the issues within the building complex. This program engaged a range of steps that included the following.

Step 1 – Get to know your neighbour

The building management company developed a “Do Disturb” door hanger as an introduction tool for neighbours to introduce themselves to each other.

It was important that people started connecting with each other to build a sense of community so people were challenged to say hi to each other in passage ways and lifts. It was explained that by simply saying “hi” shows a friendly and caring environment and to strangers that they have been acknowledged.

Step 2 – Sign up to ewatch

Stay connected with their local police station by receiving a regular update with what was happening in their local government area.

Step 3 – Develop community spirit

The complex was challenged to determine how they were going to connect everyone.

A communication platform was established through a social media application for residents to share information, stay connected with each other and keep informed about what was happening.

The building management company developed a program of activities for residents to engage and interact with each other. This was important as it assisted in developing relationships and building a sense of responsibility between neighbours.

These activities included wine and cheese nights, barbecues, and physical activities programs such as dog walking and exercise classes.



Grant Stewart from Council of Owners, Sergeant Warren Ameduri and Zayla Storry, Strata Manager.

Step 4 – Report. If they see something, say something.

Sergeant Ameduri ran a reporting workshop to 60 of their residents explaining the power of reporting and what and how to report. The residents were then given our reporting pad to share amongst their neighbours and encourage them to record any suspicious activity and share that information with their neighbours and the police.

Through Neighbourhood Watch we encouraged people to be active participants in their community and to work together to help prevent crime, therefore creating a safe

and congenial environment. Neighbourhood Watch was able to assist them to create a network of neighbours who help each other, keep an eye on each other and look out for each other and their immediate environment.

By encouraging the residents to be active participants in their community simply by getting people to engage with each other, being aware of their surroundings and observant and sharing information could have an impact on people's feelings of safety and security in the complex.

NHW WA has since developed a flyer to distribute to other complexes and has presented to a number of other apartment management representatives who are interested in the model.

Apartment complex Neighbourhood Watch is also the perfect environment for the new App that has recently been developed and this will form part of any new program.



PLEASE DISTURB!

HELLO NEIGHBOUR! 😊

If you ever need ...

please let me know!

I'm your neighbour _____

from apartment _____.

Please feel free to knock on my door

between _____ and _____

or you can call me on _____

QUEENS RIVERSIDE 

REGISTER ONLINE

Starting your own group is easy

Find some other neighbours who would support wanting to live in a safer community and to become part of a Neighbourhood Watch program with you. Often people are willing; it just needs a neighbour to take the first initiative by asking them if they would like to be involved.



It's easy to create a group online! Just go to <http://www.nhwa.com.au/join/start-group> and fill out the following information:

1. Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you have read and agree to the NHWA privacy policy and terms and conditions in order to register.

2. Your details

This information is for identification purposes only and WILL NOT be shared or published.

3. Identify your community area

Your community area could be a cluster of homes around you, your street or a larger block area.

For example:

- A cluster of houses
- A block of units, a housing estate or complex
- A street/streets
- A larger block area
- Other

4. Register your community interest with your NHW State Office

Sign up to stay informed. Your NHW State Office will assist you in establishing your NHW Group and provide you with all the information you need to get started.

Register at

<http://www.nhwa.com.au/join/start-group>