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FROM THE CEO

INGRID STONHILL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

Preparing the magazine, for you all to enjoy, is probably about the only time I get to stop and reflect on all that we achieve as an organisation, we are always so busy getting on with our projects. By the time this goes to print we will have held three Board Meetings for the year already. We had a wonderful meeting with Minister Michael Keenan at his Parliamentary Office following the May Board Meeting. It is really important to keep everyone informed about how our projects are progressing.

The front cover says it all too. I hope you will enjoy Bernie's short story about his incredible feat across our magnificent country. A highlight for him was meeting with our Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull and Minister Keenan. It was definitely a highlight for us as an organisation too. We are very proud of our President's many achievements.

Our work within our remote communities continues to be a fantastic success. Particularly in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. We held our biggest ever community safety meeting, with over 100 community members in the beautiful Kimberley's community of Bidyadanga. I was excited to attend a Roo Tail cooking class and Mothers and Babies group in the spectacular Arnhem Land community of



Parliamentary meeting with Minister Keenan. President Bernie Durkin, Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Pearson, Minister Michael Keenan, CEO Ingrid Stonhill, Canberra.





Maningrida. The development of locally focussed community safety plans can make a huge difference to combating anti-social behaviour and crime in any community.

We have also welcomed Gay to our National Office, who has been incredibly busy organising resources and printed material for this year's NHW Week. I hope you will all have some local event planned during 2-8 October this year. We have just closed

our Community Funding Program for this year and received over 80 applications for local NHW groups, and other interested parties. They will be announced shortly. Over the last few months we have held four community training days in association with New South Wales, ACT and Queensland.

Please continue to promote our on line NHW Group – NHWConnect. It really is a quick and easy way to form a group to exchange information with

your neighbours. It's perfect for busy people and even better its free!

In our 11th year we continue to highlight much of the great work that is done throughout our Australasia member jurisdictions, so I hope you will enjoy this midyear edition of the NHW Journal.

Stay Safe

Ingrid Stanhill



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.



Jeff Knight - ACT

Station Sergeant Jeff Knight joined the Australian Federal Police in 1986, and currently serves as the Officer In Charge of Community Safety within ACT Policing. Throughout his career he has served in many areas including General Duties, Traffic Operations and Diversionary Conferencing Team, prior to being promoted to Station Sergeant in 2003. Since that time Jeff has served as the Officer In Charge of most ACT Police Stations, prior to his appointment to Community Safety. He is proud to have been able to serve in a Community Policing role for the most part of his career and enjoys working with people at the grass roots level. Jeff is keen to maintain the good relationship that ACT Policing has with the ACT Neighbourhood Watch, and is looking forward to his appointment as a Board Member of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



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 the Drug and Alcohol Strategy Unit, the Victims Advisory Unit, the Safer Communities Unit, Diversion Alignment Project and Policing Innovation and Research Unit. Dave has lead a range of organisational-wide reviews including counter terrorism; persons in police custody; family violence; and volume crime scene services in Victoria Police. 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.



Virginia Read - Northern Territory

Superintendent Virginia Read has recently been transferred to the Northern Operations Division which encompasses Community Safety and Engagement for the Northern Territory Police Force. A police officer in the Northern Territory for thirty years, Virginia has served in a number of locations, her most recent move was from Alice Springs where she was stationed for the last three years.

With a long-term commitment to the Northern Territory, her new role provides the opportunity for Virginia to further promote community collaboration to address crime and antisocial behaviour issues.



Les Bulluss - Queensland

Les joined the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in June 2000 after 13 years with the New South Wales Police. 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. his 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.



Lee Taylor - Tasmania

Sergeant Lee Taylor has been a member of the Tasmania Police Service for 28 years and has been in his current position for approximately three years. Since 1989 Lee has served in many sections throughout the state including Uniform, Traffic, Public Response, Licencing, Intelligence Support Services, Firearms Services and State Community Policing Services. Lee recognises the integral role of community organisations in assisting police services with crime education and awareness, prevention and detection.



Eric Tibbott

Superintendent Eric Tibbott assists the Commissioner of Police in driving the development and implementation of New Zealand Police's Prevention First Strategy in accordance with Our Business.

Eric fosters a "whole of government" approach to prevention by actively supporting and contributing to the inter-agency development of policies and strategies for community based crime prevention.

Business process owner for the Police Deployment Model (Command and Coordination Centres & Tasking and Coordination) , Harm Reduction (Family Violence, Victims & Youth) and Community (Neighbourhood Policing, Schools & Alcohol Harm Reduction)



Gay Vanderkoogh - Executive Assistant

Delivering excellent customer service, with a smile, and working efficiently and effectively within administration support have been my key drivers throughout my career of nearly 30 years. I have experience working within government, large corporations and small business across the retail, finance, construction and aged care sectors. I am looking forward to working with the many and varied aspects of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. My family and community are important to me. I am very lucky to live on the beautiful Sunshine Coast, so my interest and activities reflect the spectacular outdoors and weather.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia 2017 Volunteer of the Year and 2017 Police Commissioner's Award

Each year, NHTWA like to recognise and celebrate the hardworking individuals who make up Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support (NZ). These individuals are a highly valued asset for our communities and police. We want to share and promote the good work of all our members across New Zealand and Australia.

This year we will be asking for nominations for the Malcolm Grant OAM - NHTWA Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is given to a volunteer community member.

We will also be seeking nominations for the NHTWA Police Commissioner's Award. This award is given to a police employee.

Nominations for the NHTWA Awards are open now and will close on 29th September 2017.

Nominations can be completed online or can be sent in confidence to the NHTWA Awards, PO Box 5513, Maroochydore, Qld 4558.



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BERNIE DURKIN



Before

Saturday 25th February 2017 marked the beginning of one of the hottest periods of the WA summer. With a strong off shore wind, I set off from Scarborough Beach (Western Australia) for a 110-km day ride to the regional wheat belt town of Northam. I was officially launched on my way with a wonderful and inspiring send off from friends, family and work colleagues. I say day ride, as the three riders I had spoken to in the lead up, all told me to get out of my head that I was riding from Perth to Sydney, as this would be too overwhelming. Advice from previous riders, of such an extraordinary

ambition, all stated that the hardest part of this ride would be my mental toughness. Maintaining mental focus and physical stamina day after day, was merciless, so by concentrating on day rides only, it would greatly assist in achieving my end goal, of riding from Perth to Sydney. This proved to be invaluable advice for what eventuated into a total 32 days of riding ahead of me.

Apart from the mental toughness and the determination to succeed in this endeavour, which I knew I had, I also battled all kinds of elements; trucks, cars, wind and temperature. The day I set off from Perth was



After

40 degrees plus, this temperature, unfortunately, would not let up and followed me for the first two weeks of my ride. The direct heat from the Sun on to the bitumen, radiates an even higher temperature to a lone, unprotected bike rider. Adding to this was the unfavourable wind directions that I also experienced for the majority of my ride across our big country. Many of you will know that bike riders are rarely happy with wind directions and believe that they are usually pushing into a breeze rather than it being an assistance, I experienced moderate to strong easterly winds during most of my



ride, which combined with the heat, was very unfavourable.

This ride was for myself, as a personal goal however it was also as a way to promote Neighbourhood Watch who gave me excellent support. The CEO of NHTWA Ingrid Stonhill, who is Queensland based, was my support crew and I am indebted to Ingrid for the successful achievement of my goal to reach Sydney. NHTWA also provided me with a satellite based tracker which we affectionately called "Wilson" and yes, I must admit that I followed in the footsteps of Tom Hanks (in Castaway) and had many

a discussion and argument with Wilson along my 4,000 km journey.

I made sure I invested in a good quality road touring bike, with a single wheel bike trailer to carry all my essential items, such as camping equipment, clothes, spare parts, food and the odd treat. What I did not factor was the added weight to the rear wheel of my new bike. I had front and rear saddle bags on the bike however the majority of all of this weight sat on the rear wheel. I estimate this overall weight to have been approximately 45 kg's plus my body weight. The end result of all of this weight, was ongoing rear

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wheel, tyre and tube issues for the entire ride. All up, once I had arrived in Sydney, I had replaced the rear wheel twice, repaired the third wheel and estimate that I had about 10 rear tyre punctures and had to replace three tyres.

My bike woes began as early as the second day, when I snapped a chain which is very unusual but obviously related to the amount of overall weight that I was pedalling. Friends were driving out from Perth to see me so that was very fortunate as



sorted. Ingrid had contacted Sgt Dave Haas from WA regional Police and as happened Kalgoorlie Police were about to rendezvous with Eucla Police for a prisoner escort. Ingrid and Dave arranged for Kalgoorlie Police to collect a new wheel for me prior to departing town and they met up with me in the middle of nowhere 60 km's east of Balladonia, just an outstanding effort.

On the fourth day of my ride in blistering heat and a strong easterly breeze I was between Southern Cross and Coolgardie, literally in the middle of nowhere and I was struggling. Once again, my trusty

support contacted me and was rather concerned with the way that I was talking and concerned that I was not making a lot of sense. My intention was to just camp the night in the bush then push on to Coolgardie the next day however Ingrid once again pulled a rabbit out of the bag. She had somehow found Koora Retreat which was closed, but the owners Peter and Anna were onsite and they took me in for the night. When I look back I was in a lot of trouble on this day with dehydration and a very sore butt and lower back. Peter and Anna were impeccable hosts and were responsible for me to be able to continue on my journey.

they were able to supply a couple of new chains. WA is a very large state and it took me 12 days to complete approximately 1500 km's to get to the WA/SA border. The support that I received from WA Police was just outstanding, every Police Station along my route from Perth to Eucla contributed to my safety and well-being in some way. Riding into Balladonia in the middle of nowhere I did a rear wheel, tyre and tube. I had spare tyres and tubes on board however the wheel was a major issue. As always, I was straight on the phone to my trusty support Ingrid and within half an hour it was



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My next big event was my first night on the mighty Nullarbor, I felt as though I was the last person alive. I had ridden a huge day from Mundrabilla in WA over the border at Eucla and pushed approximately 70 km's into the Nullarbor. I had been on the road since first light and at approximately 5.45 pm I stopped at a truck stop on the Nullarbor. I walked about 100 m along a track and came to the exhilarating cliffs of the Great Australia Bight. There were cliffs far east and west as I could see and a sheer drop of approximately 40 m down to the water, it was just spectacular. I slept beside the cliffs, under the night sky with no phone contact. This is one of my most memorable experiences of my whole trip and as stated I felt as though I could have been the last person alive, such a surreal feeling particularly under the spectacular night sky.

Many people have asked me did you get lonely on your solo 4,000 km ride and I can honestly say no. The amount of wonderful, supportive and friendly people that I connected with along the way was simply amazing. I come from a policing background and as a police officer I believe that to be successful you have to have a

fundamental belief that most people are good. Statistically we know that only a very small percentage of our population commit offences and most people are good. I know and felt very comfortable that if I was in need of any help whilst on my ride it would have been available. I was overwhelmed by the amount of support, waves, offers of food or water or simply people just wanting to have a chat. This aspect of my ride was outstanding.

I had many memorable moments, too many to mention in this article unfortunately, however I now go all the way to Mildura in Victoria. I had a welcome reception at Mildura South Primary School which was also one of the highlights of my ride. I was welcomed by staff, students, the local police and the media and had the opportunity to address the kids for Harmony Day. It was a wonderful experience and an event that I will never forget. A member of staff at the school, local Aboriginal woman Auntie Kathy Potter, who unfortunately was away for a family matter, had completed a magnificent piece of Aboriginal art depicting my journey across Australia. I was so overwhelmed with this gesture and this magnificent artwork is proudly



displayed in my office. My goal is to return to Mildura and meet Auntie Kathy in person and thank her personally.

My next huge event was a 15 minute discussion with our Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull at Parliament House in Canberra with the Federal



Justice Minister Michael Keenan also present. Mr Turnbull was so easy to speak to and was genuinely interested in my ride particularly on my discussion around most people being good and also the amount of support and encouragement that I had received. He was not surprised which was very positive. This meeting with the Prime Minister was made possible, once again through my support being Ingrid and our close working relationship with Michael Keenan, it was a thrill and a highlight.

Saturday 1st April 2017, I unofficially arrived in Sydney after 32 riding days, what a euphoric feeling and sense of achievement. Then on Tuesday 4th April I had my official ending to my ride having ridden into Bondi Beach. It was a very emotional

welcome with a strong contingent of NSW Police, NHW members, media, family and friends. Also, I have to mention Mr Ron Colman whom I went to school with from year one many years ago. Ron rode out of Perth with me on my first day then flew over to Sydney to welcome me, that was an outstanding effort by Ron and much appreciated.

This is a condensed version of my story. I spend many hours pondering and reflecting on my journey and I have many happy memories and a sense of achievement. I wish to thank everyone who made this possible but particularly our NHW CEO Ingrid Stonhill whose support was outstanding and could only be described as above and beyond, thank you.

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The art work is a representation of Bernies journey. The foot prints on the tracks - represent his travels on the many Roads. The Circles - Represent meeting places along the way. The symbols inside the circles- represent the men, women and children Bernie has met and spoken to on his journey.

Aunty Kathy Potter

ARTIST

The Good Neighbour Award

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

Whether through a cup of coffee, a picnic in the park or a message of support, Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to say "thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you the most".

The Good Neighbour Award is granted to a nominee for performing a random act of kindness; making a positive difference to their neighbourhood; making a special effort to people around them; offering to help out in practical or special ways, or for volunteering or supporting the local community.

This year, Pat Price of Chifley was presented with the award for her long association with hospice as a volunteer visitor, support person and role model for many.

President of NHW ACT Margaret Pearson said "Her support for her neighbours, whether long term residents, or a recent newcomer to the area, has never wavered.

"This includes being asked to act as the health liaison support person for an elderly neighbour who has recently entered aged care. Pat has built a strong relationship with the aged care staff and visits daily to feed and care for her neighbour.

"Pat regularly drops in on house-bound, elderly neighbours just for a cup of tea and a chat; she drives to a Queanbeyan aged care home to spend time with an aged relative who has no local family and, if



possible, brings the relative home for a home-cooked meal.

"She hosts regular catch-ups for neighbours, believing that strong community relationships underpin health and happiness.

"Pat is warm, approachable, fun loving and outgoing," Mrs Pearson said.

In the opinion of one of her nominators for the award "She always has something positive to say. Canberra wouldn't be as enriching without Pat in my life".

The presentation of a small trophy was made on Neighbour Day, 26 March by ACT NHW Vice President South, Albert Orszaczky to Pat's

husband John. Unfortunately Pat was unable to be present at the ceremony which included a sausage sizzle arranged by the Area Coordinator of Farrer NHW, Mrs Lisa Wilson and her committee.

When asked about receiving the award, Pat was clearly a bit overcome and still in a bit of shock.

"To be honest, I was flabbergasted. There are so many good people out there that do great work. I hope I can live up to all the hype.

"My neighbours are like family to me and it's wonderful that we live in such a caring community," Mrs Price said.



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NSW NHW Development Day



Kuring Gai LAC NHW Groups and CPO.

On Wednesday the 22 March 2017 the NSW Police Force held a NSW Neighbourhood Watch Development Day at the University of Technology Sydney Campus sponsored by the University's Design Out Crime Centre.

There were 30 NHW members in attendance in addition to the 30 police, predominantly Crime Prevention Officers (CPO's) supporting their NHW groups. Special guests Ingrid Stonhill, the CEO of NHPWA and Inspector Les Bulluss of Queensland Police Service with both presenting and hosting stalls on the day. Inspector Bulluss's presentation was very well received providing a valuable insight into the operations of Queensland NHW.

There were 8 information stalls hosted on the day for NHW members to share information and promotional materials, network and share ideas about how to best support crime prevention initiatives within their local communities.

The day started at 8:45am with Chief Superintendent Brad Shepherd, NSW Police Force Corporate Sponsor for Crime Prevention and Jurisdictional Representative for NHPWA, opening the event and welcoming



Opening of NSW NHW Development Day.



NSW Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer of the Year Bill Hackney.

speakers and guests. Ingrid Stonhill provided a report on NHPWA, recent developments and also promoted the NHW Connect App.

The mid morning session provided an opportunity for local NHW Group members to share their ideas with Phil Brown discussing initiatives used in the Ryde Local Area Command including crime prevention initiatives undertaken by his NHW groups. Julia Eagles presented a revamping of the NHW brand to attract younger members and Bill Hackney discussed the benefit of using Facebook to keep members connected. There were two breaks during the mid morning session allowing NHW members to network and share ideas and information at the stalls.



Networking around the stalls.



A sample of Cabramatta LAC NHW groups stall.

Prior to lunch the inaugural NSW NHW Volunteer and the NSW NHW Police Officer awards were presented to:

NSW NHW Volunteer: Bill Hackney of Metford Neighbourhood Watch Group

NSW NHW Police Officer: Senior Constable Stevo Jokic of Cabramatta Local Area Command

The afternoon was comprised of awareness sessions on MailSafe, NSW Police Force Community Portal and the Next of Kin Register.

The stalls and the networking sessions were new to the Information/Development days and were well received. A similar format will be considered for next year's NHW Development day.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is much like any other region of the world when it comes to safety concerns, especially in residential neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Support NZ is not about twitching curtains and spying on your neighbours, but aims to assist in building self-reliant communities — it is all about empowerment.

Neighbourhood Support NZ provides a way for people within a community to get to know one another. It allows you to trust those who live around you, the more that people know and understand about their neighbours, the more likely they will be to solve problems much more quickly. Face to face contact and exchanging information is an important aspect of Neighbourhood Support as it means that everyone has someone that they can contact if an emergency happens.

Chairperson, Louise Grevel recommends “The key to a good Neighbourhood Support group is to know who lives around you and to watch out for each

other, as well as building a profile of who lives in your street”. If you know who lives in your neighbourhood you will manage better in a disaster and recognise unusual activity for example.

Neighbourhood Support Groups:

- Encourage neighbours to talk to each other
- Share information that will help reduce the risk and fear of crime
- Help foster a sense of community spirit, where everyone is respected and valued
- Educate and empower neighbours to take responsibility for their own safety
- Identify the needs of neighbours and ways to assist each other
- Identify the strengths and skills of neighbours to contribute to solving local problems
- Minimise burglaries and car crime in the local area
- Reduce graffiti, vandalism, violence and disorder
- Support victims of crime
- Enhance the safety features and appearance of the neighbourhood
- Decide on ways to handle any civil emergencies that may occur
- Know when and how to contact Police, other emergency services or support agencies
- Liaise and co-operate with other community groups.

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7 Ways to connect with your neighbour

1

Reach out

Talk to your neighbour
Express an interest in something they are doing

2

Get involved

Start a Neighbourhood Support group
Help out and assist neighbours where needed

3

Make a connection with your neighbours

Get to know your neighbours
Discuss emergency preparedness

4

Be considerate of others

Respect your environment — initiate a community street clean-up
Look out for your neighbours

5

Be generous

Share your over abundant garden
Encourage neighbours to share skills and resources

6

Bring neighbours together

Get involved with Neighbours Day Aotearoa
Organise a street bbq

7

Volunteer in your neighbourhood

Join your local neighbourhood support group and make a difference in your community

Creating a safer, connected neighbourhood is a team effort.



Who is Neighbourhood Support?

Neighbourhood Support began in the late 1970's as a crime prevention initiative under the name Neighbourhood Watch.

The name change reflected the organisations broader aims of the society from a purely crime prevention focus to a focus on resilience and wellbeing empowering community engagement and support while enhancing community safety.

While still working closely with Police, Neighbourhood Support is a community led and volunteer based organisation, which aims to reduce crime, improve safety and assist in preparing communities

deal with emergencies and natural disasters, while establishing community connectedness.

Why join a Neighbourhood Support group?

There's strength in numbers.

A Neighbourhood Support group brings local people together to share information, ideas and create connectedness.

- Together, you can assist one another to:
- Solve local problems.
- Reduce crime.
- Minimise anti-social behaviour.
- Support victims of crime.

- Learn to prepare and cope with civil defence emergencies.
- Engage Police, other emergency services or support agencies.
- Liaise and co-operate with other like-minded community groups.
- Starting a Neighbourhood Support group is as easy as talking to the people on your street. Forming a group is a great way to promote regular communication, support one another and bring people closer together.

Find your local Neighbourhood Support Coordinator at www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz

Neighbourhood Support NZ 17th Annual General Meeting

Monday, 16 October 2017, Wellington Airport Conference Facilities

Changing of the Guard

With the resignation of Sharleen Stirling-Lindsay, Neighbourhood Support welcomed Louise Grevel to the top job. Louise has been involved with Neighbourhood Support, working as Coordinator for Waitakere Neighbourhood Support and being the Waitemata District Representative since 2014.

NSNZ Strategic Plan

At the June '17 Board meeting, NSNZ signed off on the Strategic Plan – a living document which will assist in keeping Neighbourhood Support

focused and working towards the goal of 'safer connected communities'.

Strategic planning produces greater agreement and alignment within NSNZ nationally and at grassroots Neighbourhood Support groups. The strategic plan lists specific commitments against measureable objectives that NSNZ will work on over the coming months.

Bryan & Bobby / Treehut Ltd

Working with Bryan & Bobby, NSNZ will be working on a series of social media clips titled "working together to build better neighbourhoods"

NSNZ are excited to be producing modern and up-to-date collateral that will engage with a younger audience.

Topics to cover will include:

- Crime prevention messages – home and vehicle security
- Safety tips for public holidays – Halloween, summer holidays, Christmas
- Rural neighbourhood support – how important it is knowing your neighbours in rural communities and featuring the Police rural tractor
- Civil defence preparedness

- Good citizenship, sense of pride in community
- Graffiti and looking after your neighbourhood

Partnerships

Neighbourhood Support NZ signed the MoU with NZ Police on Monday, 12 June at their Board Meeting.

The recent signing of a refreshed Memorandum of Understanding between NZ Police and Neighbourhood Support NZ marks a significant step forward in the partnership between the organisations.

The signing of the MOU has substantial value for both organisations, who continue to collaborate at both national and grassroots levels, striving to create safer connected communities for all.

Organisations such as Neighbourhood Support partner alongside NZ Police, enhancing community safety, resilience and wellbeing. The 'eyes and ears' of communities for Police, providing invaluable information which is crucial to reducing crime, victimisation and anti-social behaviour, which supports the work programme of the National Prevention Centre.

Contestable Funding

Each year Neighbourhood Support NZ assists with funding toward specific projects that focus on supporting communities to be safe, connected, thriving and resilient by developing and implementing community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

Initiatives include:

- Increasing the feeling of safety in local neighbourhoods
- Reducing Public Place Violence
- Reducing Youth Crime
- Reducing Total Crime

Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt City Council recently collaborated with Neighbourhood Support New Zealand and local Neighbourhood Support Coordinator, Heather Blisset, to increase awareness of Neighbourhood Support, its function, benefits of involvement, and how to join or start a group. The production of two billboards and pull-out banner pens are enabling Neighbourhood Support to have greater visibility in the community.

This is in line with Council's community services goal to improve safety and support community groups. Upper Hutt City Council is committed to enabling programmes and environments that work towards a city that is free from crime and injury. Council is also committed to supporting capacity building, effectiveness, and connectedness of community groups. Neighbourhood Support is a Community Group that demonstrates leadership in these areas.

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Masterton Neighbourhood Support

Masterton Neighbourhood Support has been very active over the last few months; starting new groups, refreshing existing ones, encouraging socialising between the group contacts, and helping the new South Wairarapa Coordinator settle in and start up new groups.



One of their recent highlights was the annual Neighbourhood Support 'thank you for group contacts' which is always a big occasion and takes a lot of organisation. This year it was held at Pukaha Mt Bruce National Wildlife Center which is 30kms from Masterton. Even with atrocious weather over 70 of the 90+ attendees expected to the event braved the freezing cold to have a guided tour around the native forest park. They saw Manukura the White Kiwi in the nocturnal house, the free flight aviary, fed the massive eels, and watched the Kaka Circus. To show their appreciation for all the work that group contacts do during the year the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Urban and Rural Fire, Civil Defence, Police, and the manager of Pukaha joined the event for afternoon tea and speeches.

Local businesses generously donated interesting items for goodie bags and there were 10 bigger lucky draws including a 200lt emergency water tank from Masterton District Council. By using a local attraction that was happy to do a "reduced community price for entry and afternoon tea" Lynette Juno, the

Masterton NS Coordinator, says both organisations benefitted. NS received a considerably reduced price for the 4-hour afternoon event, and Pukaha, with the influx of visitors on a cold afternoon, received additional media coverage and the potential for more visitors when attendees return with their grandchildren during the school holidays.

For Neighbours Day this year, Masterton NS held a business neighbours morning tea for the first time, along with encouraging residential groups to have a get together. Juno says that even in a small town like Masterton she knew very few of the people that worked around her, yet in a large disaster there is the possibility she could be at work and people would be relying on each other for help. There was a good turnout to the business neighbours morning tea, including the Mayor, Board members and representation from approximately 18 businesses and community organisations.

Masterton NS held a National Volunteer Day at the Community Center in Masterton, and although it was during the week there was a

great turnout of NS group contacts along with other volunteers from Masterton NS' umbrella group, Connecting Communities Wairarapa. A lot of chatter and new connections were made over a cup of tea and good food.

Juno says that as a Coordinator, it is very necessary to get out, get involved and get noticed in your community. She has attended the free screenings of the British and Irish Lions rugby tour games being played on big screens for the community, rural mental health training days, rain art for the winter, plus community development meetings in various areas of Masterton. These outings, Juno said, are great for meeting new people and working in conjunction with the Council, Police, Connecting Communities, More FM radio station, the Youth council and more.

To keep people up to date Juno produces a weekly newsletter which includes an up-to-date crime report from Police, and anything that is relevant news or safety-wise from the town. This is very much appreciated by all involved with Masterton NS.

Business Watch in the “Top End”

Neighbourhood Watch Northern Territory (NHWNT) recognise local small businesses as a priority for the vital role they play, in what can only be described as the special uniqueness of “Top End” community.

The impact of commercial crime has a significant effect, particularly on small business viability, with a roll-on effect that extends to all local community members. Commercial crime has notably increased over the past year in the Northern Territory, resulting in significant cost to the “Top End” economy. NHWNT recognise not only the economic importance of small business owners, but also the importance of a cohesive and localized knowledge base they contribute to, building a well-connected community. With this in mind, NHWNT have taken action to lend their knowledge, expertise and support to local small business owners.

NHWNT has extended its existing community safety and crime prevention programs to include an educational session, designed specifically to address commercial crime for small business owners. The session was facilitated by a seasoned local and International Crime Prevention Specialist, Ray Andersson RSecP. CCSMS. ICPS. CATS. FCiSCM.

The specially designed workshop took place on Tuesday 13th June, within the Darwin CBD. Delegates were introduced to the concept and importance of “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design” (CPTED) principles and given some easy, inexpensive ways of

introducing the principles within their own business environments.

The workshop also served as a perfect platform to develop some important small business networking, giving small business owners the opportunity to connect with each other, discuss topical matters and explore ideas together. Further endorsing the core principles of Neighbourhood Watch, creating safe and connected communities.

“The Darwin session was our pilot” explained Office Manager Hannah Finbow “now we have seen how useful this forum can be, we will be looking to hold similar sessions throughout the Northern Territory in the next few months”

National WOW (Wear Orange Wednesday) Day

National Volunteers Week commenced on the 8th May 2017.

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A week long national program, celebrating the many and varied volunteers within communities across the country. NHWNT saw this as the ideal opportunity to celebrate the great efforts of our dedicated volunteer base. NHWNT alongside





9 NHWNT Volunteers, including NHWNT President Jenny Malone, NHWNT Office Manager Hannah Finbow and Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton enjoying the Volunteering NT Garden Party.

many other volunteer organisations attended the Volunteering NT Garden Party held at the picturesque and delightful Darwin Waterfront Precinct. The event was organized to coincide with National WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday), a day to celebrate the inspiring work of the many Emergency Services volunteers. These volunteer in particular undertake voluntary work that can put their own lives on the line to help others.

It was fantastic to see and hear from leading volunteer organisations about the significant impact volunteers have across the NT, as

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Commissioner of Police and CEO of Fire and Emergency Services Reece Kershaw stated on the day "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things". He also took some time in his speech to acknowledge and thank the work of the Neighbourhood Watch NT volunteers!

Safety Savvy Seniors Rocked the Cota Expo

Friday 2nd June 2017, marked the Cota NT Seniors Expo – where many safety savvy seniors from the NT and beyond congregated



Marion Hancock, NHWNT volunteer alongside Constable Sharon Cameron and Sargeant Katie Hatzismalis speaking to members of the public at the Cota NT Senior Expo 2017.

"The event is "age friendly" and celebrates seniors on-going contribution to Territory life."

at the Darwin Museum to rock through the Expo. The event is "age friendly" and celebrates seniors on-going contribution to Territory life. It boasted over 70 stall holders exhibiting an array of services available to those in their golden years! The turnout was nothing short of amazing!

NHWNT attended alongside the NT Police who were busy making coffees (over 350 to be precise) as part of the newly launched 'Coffee with a Cop' campaign. The NHW NT volunteers spoke to over 400 people, including many interstate visitors, who expressed a keen interest in becoming part of their local neighbourhood watch groups in their home state. NHWNT where happy to point them in the right direction and arm them with essential goodies and advice; like the very important Neighbourhood Watch key message of ensuring you mark your property and handing out a large quantity of the ever-popular UV Marker Kits.

Many laughs were had throughout the day, this was evident when one rather cheeky radio personality indicated that there was more history outside the museum than inside on that particular day... needless to say the NHWNT volunteers, with their seemingly endless talents took this tongue in cheek comment well and in true Territorian style the endless banter continued through the day.



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Telegraph pole project Slade Point Mackay



The Slade Point NHW group have been busy brightening up telegraph poles in their area with the assistance of funding from Mackay Regional Council, Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

Some might say, what has this got to do with Crime prevention? The answer is in the “science” of crime prevention called “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, (CPTED). If a place is cared for and

looks like the community own the area, there will be less crime. NHWQ is a fine example of a partnership that QPS likes to get involved in. Partnerships have become a key technique to prevent crime.

Police Attend Sunshine Coast Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Training Day

On Saturday, June 3, the Sunshine Coast District Crime Prevention Unit and NHWA hosted representatives from around 30 local Neighbourhood Watch groups at the Maroochy Surf Club.

Presenters included police officers from the District Crime Prevention Unit and the Nambour PCYC.

A common theme was the role and changing face of Neighbourhood Watch in our community and

the many ways in which each group can help in keeping their community safe.

A number of special presentations were made on the day to individuals in appreciation of their contribution to Neighbourhood Watch and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Nambour 6 Bli Bli group (pictured) for successfully developing relationships



with the wider community and promoting the values of Neighbourhood Watch Queensland.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting

27 May 2017

This year, the Park Regis Hotel, Brisbane played host to the annual face to face meeting of the CAC members.



CAC consists of District Coordinators representing NHW members within each of the 15 Police districts. The committee act as an advisory body to the Queensland Police Service and aim to provide a community perspective to the management and direction of the program on issues relating to the strategic direction, promotion and participation of community members in the program. The district representatives put forward ideas and concerns raised by individual watches in their districts, as well as sharing their NHW success stories and plans for the future.

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celebration of 29 years, the program has advanced a great deal in that time with discussion on social media policy and guidelines applying to all social media platforms. The NHWQ State Conference being held on the 7th October 2017, at the Beenleigh Event Centre was also discussed, with excellent suggestions for the agenda and keynote speakers.

The meeting was a productive and successful day, many thanks to all the members' contributions.

If you are unsure of who your representative is liaise with your District Crime Prevention Coordinator for further assistance.

Robina ViPs, NHW and council working together

Robina Police and Volunteers in Policing (ViPs), Gold Coast City Councillor Hermann Vorster (Division 11) and Gold Coast District Neighbourhood Watch have been working closely in recent months to develop crime prevention strategies for Robina and Varsity Lakes.

Part of this activity has involved the successful application by Robina ViPs for a Gold Coast City Council grant to purchase computer and data equipment to enable them to better monitor crime prevention activities and to make it easier to present crime prevention strategies and ideas

to local schools, residents and community groups.

Senior Sergeant Andrew Frick said that the Robina Volunteers in Policing and Neighbourhood Watch were very active in the area.

"Our volunteers provide valuable information to residents and



Robina VIP David Cocks with Councillor Hermann Vorster and Dianne Hoogendoorn and Peter Barrett from the Gold Coast District Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

businesses on how to safeguard property, reduce anti-social behaviour and increase personal and public awareness about crime prevention," Senior Sergeant Frick said.

Returning to school after twenty nine years



Police, School and NHW partnering together.

Senior Constable Cameron Graham on Jun 16, 2017 @ 3:49pm

It's not often a schools very first adopt a cop gets to swear in the schools newest adopt a cop, almost 29 years later.

This was the case on June 14, when Inspector Pat Swindells, Patrol group Inspector for Bundaberg, led the swearing in of Burnett Heads State Schools newest adopt a cop, Senior Constable Cameron Graham.

In 1988, only a few years after the adopt a cop program commenced in Queensland, the then Senior Constable Pat Swindells became Burnett Heads State School's first adopt a cop, taking up the role with great enthusiasm.

"There has obviously been a lot of changes at the school since I was adopt a cop. But it's great to see the students and teachers are just as friendly and inviting as they were when I first came here," Inspector Swindells said.

As the schools newest adopt a cop, "Constable Cam" as he is to be known to the students, is looking

forward to working with the students and school community.

"It will be great to get to know the students and staff at the school, and hope I have a positive influence on their schooling lives," Senior Constable Graham said.

On the school's assembly on Wednesday, the students had a brief talk by Senior Constable Graham regarding wearing seat belts and bicycle safety.

"It was great to find out that the Burnett Heads Neighbourhood Watch Committee had initiated a colouring in competition for the Burnett Heads School students, where they have the chance to win a security lock for their bicycles.

"It's great to see the local community supporting the school," Senior Constable Graham said.

Tasmania Police Service The Power of Social Media - Selfie Sets Social Media on Fire!

A quick light-hearted selfie to help a 'worse for wear' Launceston lad remember how he got home after his big night out has resulted in Northern District Constables Natalie Siggins and Jeremy Blyth being two of the most famous police officers in the world.

"There were more than 10,000 likes and 1000 shares of the post."



Reece Park got a surprise the next morning when he checked out his phone – and old mate took to Reddit to post the humorous photo.

"I didn't remember the cops being there at all – they did great, they are bloody legends," Reece said.

Social media immediately took off, resulting in thousands of likes, shares and comments on Facebook, a gig on Channel 7 breakfast program Sunrise, BuzzFeed US, and news programs across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand running the quirky story as a lead news item.

There were more than 10,000 likes and 1000 shares of the post on the Tasmania Police Facebook page, and a staggering 1.1 million people being reached. Channel 9 News' Facebook page resulted in 47,000 likes and nearly 3000 shares.

Even social media icon George Takei – whose Facebook page has had more than 10 million likes and who is known on social media for his original and humorous posts – shared the story!

People from all over the globe, including France, Sweden, Peru, Spain, Norway and Germany posted comments about how great community policing is in Tasmania.

"Lol maybe in Australia. In the US, you can and most often are taken to something they call the drunk tank which is a jail cell for the night while you sober up," wrote one person.

"The world's coolest cops!" wrote another from France.

One US gentleman took the time to email the Northern District, calling for a 'public commendation' for both officers for outstanding community policing.

And while of course we don't normally provide escorts home

to those affected by alcohol (on this occasion common sense prevailed), the overwhelming positive attention the officers' selfie has received has been heartening and a great public relations exercise.

Day for Daniel – 'Tour de Tassie'

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 by Denise and Bruce Morcombe following the tragic abduction and murder of their 13 year old son Daniel, in December 2003.



The 13th Annual 'Day for Daniel' will be held on Friday 27 October 2017. This is a National Day of Action to keep children safe. It is about educating children through child safety and protection initiatives and helping to empower children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

This year the Daniel Morcombe Foundation has selected Tasmania for their annual tour, the 'Tour de Tassie'. It will be held between the 4th and 15th September 2017 and will visit Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

This annual educational 'roadshow' is a joint initiative between the Australian Federal Police and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The tour endeavours to educate students on how to remain safe in our community and to provide information to parents, carers and teachers to continue that conversation and know what can be done to help keep children safe.



The ThinkUKnow team from the Australian Federal Police with the assistance of Tasmania Police will also provide cyber safety presentations to parents, carers and teachers during the tour, reinforcing the message.

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank, and is delivered in collaboration with New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police Service, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police and Victoria Police as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

ThinkUKnow is Australia's first (and only) nationally delivered crime prevention program. As part of the 'Tour de Tassie', ThinkUKnow will be training additional members of Tasmania Police in the ThinkUKnow Youth program. This will assist to facilitate an increase in the number



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of presentations delivered to the Tasmanian community in an effort to keep children safe online.

Last years 'Tweed to the Territory' roadshow tour visited 22 schools from Tweed Heads through to Canberra. In 2016, over 2500 schools and 1200 businesses across Australia registered to participate in 'Day for Daniel' including a number of policing jurisdictions.

History was in the making

History was in the making at the Mount Evelyn Scout Hall on Monday 25th May, 2002, with the largest Neighbourhood Watch launch in the eastern region taking place. Over one hundred Mount Evelyn residents attended the meeting.

This is an extract from an article written for the local community paper 'ME & You' by Leading Senior Constable Lisa BROOKS after running this meeting, her first public forum.

'Thanks to the commitment and the spirit of the Mount Evelyn community, NHW has been running in Mount Evelyn ever since. Mount Evelyn is one of the last remaining NHW groups in the Yarra Ranges and with dedicated volunteers starting to relinquish their duties, it was imperative NHW be rejuvenated within the area in the hope of recruiting new blood'.

It was 2017 when Leading Senior Constable BROOKS took up her new role as the Yarra Ranges Youth Resource Officer alongside Leading Senior Constable HANCOCK the Yarra Ranges Crime Prevention Officer. Linda has been working with Mount Evelyn NHW since the restructure in 2010. Here was the perfect opportunity, the founding member with the current member and what a team they make!!!!!!

How do we involve our younger people with NHW?

This is a recurring question for most NHW groups but this time we had an idea! The current dedicated editors of the newsletter were calling it quits (a sterling job Anne Welsh and Dot Gavin have done for countless years ... thank you), here was an opportunity.

The local high school, Yarra Hills Secondary College - Mount Evelyn Campus, was approached about having their students involved in writing the newsletter. It was up to the students to come up with ideas to make the newsletter interesting and relevant to the local community. The initial meeting covered ideas including interviews, surveys of students and the wider community, personal pieces ... the ideas kept flowing. This concept was enthusiastically taken up by staff and students with June 2017 producing the first publication of the all new

Mount Evelyn NHW newsletter written through the eyes of our young peoples.

Mrs Waterson, Community Connections Teacher at Yarra Hills Secondary College, introduced the new Editors,

'At Yarra Hills Secondary College we pride ourselves in making connections to the community. We offer a 'Community Connections' subject to the Year 7 students, to not only learn about their local community, but also how they can support and help



Outgoing Newsletter Editor Anne Welsh hands the reins over to Year 7 Community Connections students.

"It was up to the students to come up with ideas to make the newsletter interesting and relevant to the local community."

those in the community. As part of this course, students were offered the chance to write suggestions or advice, on how one can stay safe in the community. As part of this process students undertook a brainstorming session about what safety is and what it meant to them. Students were encouraged to share stories, advice and ideas about how they and their families maintain safety in the community. Students discussed and shared what type of things



The first newsletter is done! Yarra Hills Secondary College Principal Darren Trippett with Year 7 Community Connections students, outgoing newsletter writers Anne Welsh and Dot Gavin and Leading Senior Constable Hancock.

made them feel unsafe and what strategies they could apply to keep themselves and others safe. Students then working together, sharing ideas and stories wrote a short article on what advice they would like to give to others, not only to educate but to protect'.

The first newsletter is out and there is bound to be new interest as students wait at the letter box for delivery by our volunteer walkers (OK perhaps a slight exaggeration there). I wonder what the next newsletter will contain!!!



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Knock knock!

Neighbourhood Watch WA and North Metropolitan TAFE partnership.

North Metropolitan TAFE 2016 Advanced Diploma of Screen & Media behind Neighbourhood Watch new online campaign, 'Knock knock!'



Moving from the previous “keep an eye on your neighbours” approach, Neighbourhood Watch is moving to a more inclusive “get to know your neighbours” initiative. By

encouraging people to go knocking on neighbours’ doors, getting to know them and exchanging contact information, the idea is to create and strengthen a sense of community.

“Your neighbours know who you are, what type of car you drive, and may be the first to notice a suspicious person at your door or window”, said Neighbourhood

"We want to raise awareness of Neighbourhood Watch, and students bring new ideas that can appeal to younger, wider audiences."

Watch State Coordinator Jenny O'Brien. "By simply getting to know the neighbours around you, you will be well positioned to recognise someone or something that's suspicious. It is a good way to start conversations and build safe, strong, caring, connected and happy communities!"

North Metropolitan TAFE was approached for assistance with this project following the college's successful creation of another online campaign for the WA Police, the "Eyes on the Street" program, which ran over 2015-16.

"We decided to approach North Metropolitan TAFE because of the amazing quality of the work developed for the 'Eyes on the Street' campaign", Ms O'Brien said. "We are also quite an old brand, so this partnership gave us the opportunity to engage with younger people and really freshen up our image."

"We want to raise awareness of Neighbourhood Watch, and students bring new ideas that can appeal to younger, wider audiences. They have also given a great foundation to this campaign, allowing us to build on it in the future."

Judging by the feedback provided by clients, there seems to be a strong industry interest in tapping into TAFE students and resources for real world campaigns.

"Our students are always involved in projects such as this. We have

built strong partnerships and a solid reputation with industry, which gives them the opportunity to work with real clients", said North Metropolitan TAFE Media Head of Program David Revill.

Pre-production began in early 2017 and current Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media [Digital Cinema] students were allocated the crew roles for the production. This ensured that the students were given the experience of working directly for a client and were mentored in their roles by graduate students.

"By integrating previous and current students in projects, we created and constantly maintain an alumni contact network that we can tap into for projects", said North Metropolitan TAFE lecturer Matthew Kelley. "We have incredibly talented students and we trust them to meet the requirements of every project they are assigned."

"There was always a bit of stress and worry in the back of my mind while I was studying that I didn't have enough experience to go out into the real world and find a job, but working on Neighbourhood Watch gave me confidence to put myself out there."

North Metropolitan TAFE 2016 graduates Samantha Akehurst, Aiden Thomas and Denzil Heeger were tasked with the roles of Producer, Writer/Director and Director of

Photography for the campaign. Samantha has also been a part of the "Eyes on the Street" campaign.

"Working for real clients while still studying at TAFE is a great stepping stone for breaking into the competitive film industry, and I hope that TAFE continues to give students these sort of experiences", Samantha said. "There was always a bit of stress and worry in the back of my mind while I was studying that I didn't have enough experience to go out into the real world and find a job, but working on Neighbourhood Watch gave me confidence to put myself out there."

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"I think on the job experience is the best way to learn because there is another level of stress, seriousness and professionalism associated with doing a job for a professional. It is definitely a step up from a class room assignment and adds a whole new depth to learning."

Students commitment to the project did not go unnoticed by the clients as well.

"I was completely blown away by the professionalism, focus and enthusiasm of TAFE students", Ms O'Brien said. "There were some really long days in the developing of this campaign, and their energy was simply outstanding."

'Knock knock!' will feature a series of scenarios around a new family who have moved into a suburban street, and dad's ambition to connect with his new community. Shooting is almost finished, and the post production process has already begun.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE



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REMEMBER IF WHAT YOU SEE IS AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000 (TRIPLE ZERO) IMMEDIATELY AND ASK FOR POLICE

WHAT TO REPORT

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours; if you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you need to call and report it to Police.

A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.

Someone going door-to-door in an office building or residential area without the appropriate identification; or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.

Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.

Transactions being held at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis.

SEX	AGE	BUILD	HAIR	
Male	15-20	Thin	COLOUR	TYPE
	20-30		Black	Straight
	30-40		Brown	Wavy
Female	40-50	Average	Grey	Curly
	50-60		Sandy	Afro
	60+		Blonde	Dreadlock
Female	15-20	Solid	Red	
	20-30		LENGTH	CONDITION
	30-40		Bald	Clean
Male	40-50	Average	Shaved	Thick
	50-60		Short	Thinning
	60+		Medium	Scruffy
Female	15-20	Thin	Long	Greasy
	20-30			
	30-40			

One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.

Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence or an abduction. A person showing unusual mental or physical symptoms; he or she may be injured, have been in an accident, be under the influence of illegal drugs or prescribed medications, or need other medical or psychiatric help.

Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.

A PERSON ISN'T SUSPICIOUS THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS!

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.



GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously. When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following features:

- Male or female
- Age
- Body frame/build
- Appearance/look
- Distinguishing clothing
- Haircut and colour
- Facial hair
- Scars, tattoos or glasses
- Approximate height
- Voice characteristics/speech/language
- Body language.

Use the chart below as a guide to assist with giving a good description.

DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour it is important to take note of the following details:

- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle colour, make and model
- Distinguishing signs or artwork / graphics
- Any damage or rust
- Direction of travel
- Driver/occupant
- Take note of bullbars, roof racks, towbars etc.

HEIGHT	EYES		LOOK	CLOTHING	MARKINGS	POSTURE	MOVEMENT	FACE	SPEECH
5' 152 cm	COLOUR Black Grey Blue Brown Green Hazel	TYPE Wide Narrow Deep set Bulging Squinting Blinking	APPEARANCE Active wear Trades wear Casual attire Business attire	Upper body	Scars	Stooped	Jerky	Glasses	Slow
5'5" 168 cm				Lower Body					Fast
5'8" 177 cm	EYEBROWS Bushy Thin Shaved Joined Thick	GLASSES Clear Tinted Dark Plastic Metal	SKIN COLOUR Fair Tanned Dark Olive	Headwear	Tattoo	Straight	Normal	Twitching	Stutter
6' + 182 cm +				Footwear					Slurred
			SKIN TYPE Clean Greasy Pimpley Acne	Gloves	Piercings		Limping	Facial Hair	Accent

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Keep calm
- Date, time and location of the incident
- Report where and what is happening
- Stay on the phone
- If you can safely do so keep watching and
- continue to report what is happening
- Take photos with camera or mobile device,
- only if safe to do so
- Do not approach the person directly

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

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- 2** POLICE ON 131 444
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- 3** IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES
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WHO TO REPORT IT TO

If you witness anyone committing a crime or observe suspicious behaviours, write down what you see as soon as possible. Keep a record of the time and date of your observations.

These details can be important when giving a statement to police, and can help piece together a chain of events, assist with gathering evidence and possibly the quick apprehension of offenders.



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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.nhwconnect.com.au> and fill out the information requests to create a log in.

1. Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you have read and agree to the NHTA 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

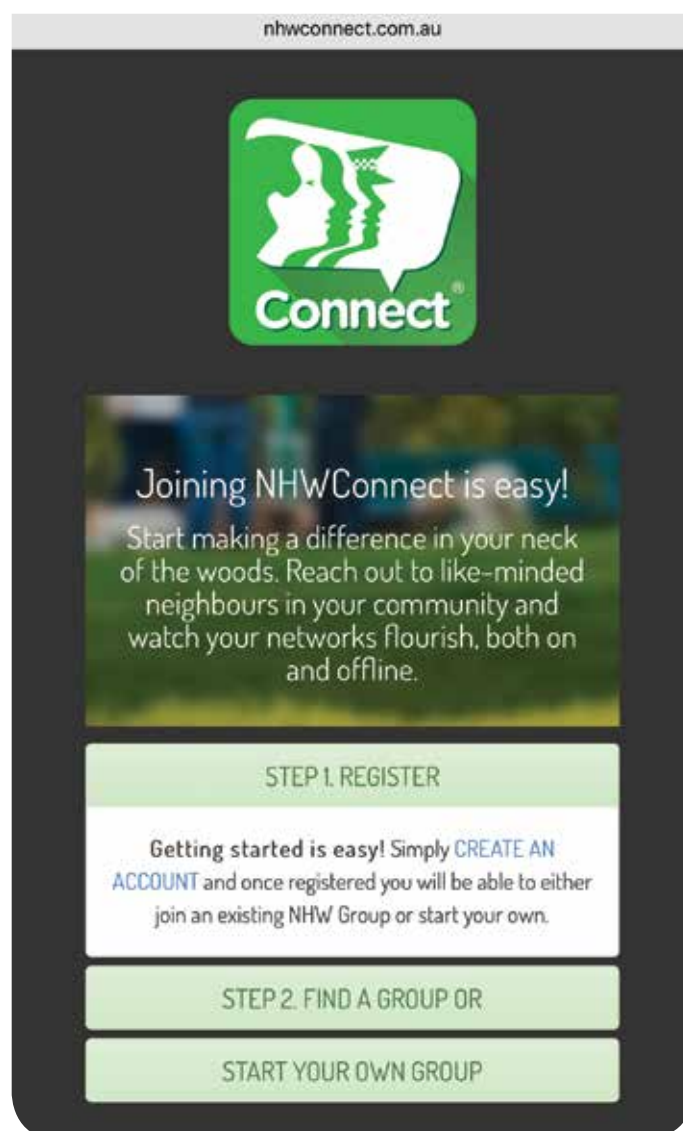
Your community area could be a cluster of homes around you, your street or a larger block area.

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 NHTA State Office

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



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