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FROM THE CEO

MARIA BENNETT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

Hello Neighbourhood Watch Australasia!

It's been an exciting start to the year, with many great initiatives taking place. Let's take a look at what's happening over the next few months.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 6-12 OCTOBER 2018

Neighbourhood Watch Week 2018 will be bigger and better than ever!

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a community led safety and awareness program working in partnership with Police. It aims to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in the community.

NHW WEEK is the time to raise public awareness of NHW and the benefits of belonging to a local NHW group. The aim is to increase membership and encourage participation in NHW programs throughout Australia.

The dates are set, so lock it into your calendar.

Plan your event, with activities such as:

- A sausage sizzle to get to know your neighbours
- Put up NHW WEEK posters, see example inside cover.
- Hand out the newly designed 'Join NHW' flyers
- A crime prevention information sharing day
- A 'safe plate' one-way number plate screws day
- AND introduce yourself to the new family that has moved in down the street as you have always been meaning to do

Email admin@nhwa.com.au and let us know what great events you are planning. Then afterwards send us lots of photos and stories from your events.

NHWA COMMUNITY AND POLICING AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2018 NHWA Awards!

NHWA recognises and celebrates the good work of all our NHW members across Australia and New Zealand. Each year we ask for nominations for awards to especially acknowledge two individuals for their work and enthusiasm in making your neighbourhood a safer, connected and inclusive place to live.

The awards are:

- 'Malcolm Grant OAM - NHWA Volunteer of the Year Award' - please nominate an outstanding NHW Volunteer community member.
- 'NHWA Police Commissioners' Award' - please nominate a Police employee who has made a significant contribution to NHW.

For more information and to download nomination forms go to: nhwa.com.au

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE INAUGURAL ThinkUKnow AWARDS

Congratulations to Graham Higgerson from NHW Geelong in Victoria who delivered over 20 ThinkUKnow sessions during 2017.

ThinkUKnow is Australia's only law enforcement led online safety program. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Microsoft Australia and Datacom and is delivered in collaboration with all State and Territory Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. More details on page 46.

Here is an update on the five Federal Government funded NHWA projects:

1. Community Funding Program (CFP)

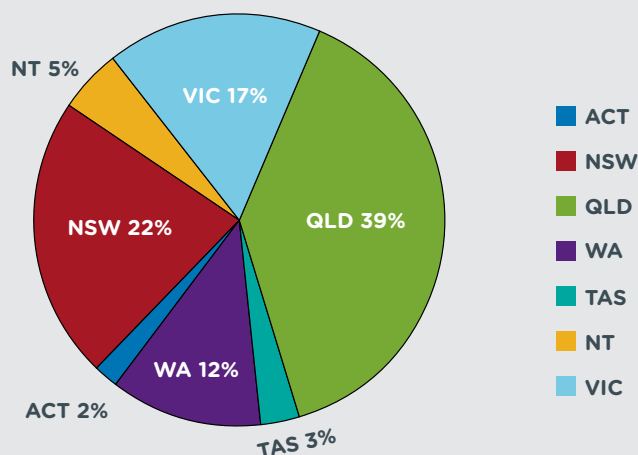
There have been three rounds of the CFP completed in the last 26 months - August 2016, June 2017 and February 2018. **A total investment of over \$300,000 worth of project grants and resources were funded and shared amongst all member States and Territories.**

The primary objectives were the implementation of programs that identified crime prevention priority areas and encouraged localised problem solving initiatives that were focussed on the improvement of community safety and promoted community participation. The three rounds of the CFP also assisted to develop interactions and inclusiveness throughout the community and local NHW groups in partnership with local government and Police. All grants awarded were between \$500 and \$3,000.

An example of identifying priority areas to focus local crime prevention, is the 2017 Beach Watch program, conducted by local Queensland Police in the Maroochydore district. At the completion of the program a comparison of crime levels before and after the program was conducted and showed a marked reduction in crime. A great result!

257 applications were received during the three funding rounds, with a total of 128 successful applications. All NHWA

Total Successful 2016, 2017, 2018 by State/Territory (%)



Graph - Total successful Community Funding Program applications by State/Territory by percentage of funds allocated.



Northern Territory CEPO Paul Keightley delivering the NHWA Speak Up program to the Gunbalanya Secondary School seniors class.



NHWA CEO Maria Bennett presenting at the 2018 Crime Prevention and Communities Conference.

member States and Territories had involvement and secured funding grants and/or resources as part of the process.

As part of the CFP new wheelie bin stickers have been designed, printed and sent to the NHW State/Territory offices for distribution to NHW groups. One of the objectives of NHW is the effective and timely reporting of suspicious behaviour.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this great initiative and for making a positive impact in your community. Your dedication and time is invaluable.

2. Repository of Information Project (ROI)

The ROI provides over 200 community led crime prevention programs and

initiatives for NHW members and communities. The programs have valuable practical information and ideas that can be customised and implemented Australia wide. It also contains a large number of relevant NHW and crime prevention research documents.

The ROI is located on the NHWA website at nhwa.com.au/projects/

3. Community Safety Training Days (CSTD)

A total of six CSTD's have been delivered in the past 26 months.

The CSTD's provided NHW grass root members and community engagement Police Officers with relevant information around local community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

The CSTD's were developed to suit the specific needs of each location supported by experts in crime prevention. This access to both local and external expert knowledge helps to build community capacity to develop solutions to local issues.

See more information about the two most recent CSTD's held in Townsville and Alice Springs on pages 8-10.

4. Diagrammatic Brochures Project

NHWA has produced diagrammatic brochures that are specifically designed for culturally and linguistically diverse



NHW wheelie bin sticker.

(CALD) community members. This visual learning of the basic ideals and values of NHW ensures that the principles of keeping yourself, your family and your belongings safe are shared with people newly arrived in Australia.

5. Remote and Vulnerable Communities Program

This year NHWA has been developing resources to be used in Gunbalanya and other communities within Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.

The 'Children come to School' book and support materials will all be focussed on the same message, *getting more kids to school.*

Education is the golden key for all types of positive future prospects such as employment, increased self-esteem, breaking down antisocial behaviours and keeping kids, the future adults and leaders, out of the justice system.

Once finalised the 'Children come to school' program will be implemented by the NT Police Community Engagement Police Officers (CEPO's).

A recent highlight on my calendar was attending the 2018 Crime Prevention and Communities conference and being able to share a short 20 minute presentation on the work being done in the Gunbalanya community and findings to date.

I look forward to celebrating Neighbourhood Watch Week with you on 6-12 October 2018.

Together we achieve great things!

Neighbourhood Watch – the Power of Many!

Maria Bennett

Chief Executive Officer
NHW Australasia

**Let's take action.
Let's take ownership.
And number 1
Let's Stay Safe.**



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 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 organisations 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.



Maria Bennett – Chief Executive Officer

Maria has extensive knowledge, management skills and leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, working closely with many prominent charities and not for profit organisations. Prior to joining NHWA Maria was Director of a promotions company for 9 years and has had a successful career in corporate sales and marketing roles. Previous management roles in medical and health industries in Australia, New Zealand and Asia, have provided experience in coordination of major projects and exposure to the differing legislative and regulatory environments involved as well as an awareness of the unique physical and social challenges each location brings.



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.



Dr Carlene Mahoney – New South Wales

Dr Carlene Mahoney is a Detective Inspector within the NSW South Wales Police Force with over 20 years experience, working in organised crime, child protection and is currently managing the social media presence for online community engagement. Carlene also holds the position as an adjunct lecturer with the Terrorism and Security Studies, Charles Sturt University in Canberra. Carlene is currently undertaking a Masters in Terrorism, researching the complex social, political and international context of terrorism and contemporary security related issues.



Eric Tibbott – New Zealand

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)



Anne Collishaw – Executive Assistant

Anne is a highly experienced, energetic and motivated finance and administration professional, with 19 years proven success in diverse administration, accounts, bookkeeping and customer service, across the Building and Construction, Engineering, Transport and Banking sectors. For six of those years Anne effectively completed PA duties for a CEO and Company Directors.

Anne holds a Certificate Level 4 in Bookkeeping and Financial Services and is proficient and current in the use of various software programs, including the ISO 9000 quality management system. Anne has 4 years' experience in the Australian Defence Force and currently holds a Staff position in youth development programs.



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.



Superintendent Craig Barrett - Northern Territory

Superintendent Craig Barrett is the Divisional Superintendent for the Darwin Metropolitan Support Division (DMSD), commencing in this position in early 2018. Responsible for the management of social order policing activities, community engagement, school based policing, front counter operations, Neighbourhood Watch and Police & Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) operations across the Darwin Metropolitan Command. Craig has been a police officer for over 20 years, serving at various locations throughout the Northern Territory, including Road Safety and Crash Investigation, and areas outside of Darwin including Katherine, Tennant Creek, Borroloola and various other aboriginal communities.

This new role as the Superintendent DMSD and as a member of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, provides a number of new and varied challenges, and Craig looks forward to these exciting opportunities by working in partnership with the community to achieve a safe and resilient Northern Territory.



Peter Edwards - Tasmania

Peter Edwards is a Commander in the Tasmania Police Service. He has extensive experience across diverse policing portfolios within his home state, as well as national and international law enforcement representation. He has served as a Detective, Prosecutor, Intelligence Officer and Head of Training. In recent years Peter has led the emergency management response to the bushfire disaster in south east Tasmania in 2013 and the state-wide recovery to the 2016 floods which severely impacted across the state. Peter is now the Officer in Charge of the Operations Support Command which includes responsibility for State Community Policing Services, the section which provides the police link to Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. Peter holds tertiary qualifications in management and policing. He has an interest in personal fitness and well-being through regular walking and swimming. He was awarded the Bravery Medal in 1989 and the Australian Police Medal in 2004.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Awards 2018 Volunteer of the Year and Police Commissioners' Award

Each year NHWA recognises the hardworking individuals who make up Neighbourhood Watch (Australia) and Neighbourhood Support (New Zealand). These individuals are highly valued assets within our communities and Police. We want to share and promote the good work of all our members across Australia and New Zealand.

This is your opportunity to recognise an important, community minded individual who has qualities you would like to acknowledge and you think we should know about. These qualities should relate to the work and enthusiasm they have demonstrated in making your neighbourhood a safer, connected and inclusive place to live.

Nominations for the Malcolm Grant OAM – NHWA Volunteer of the Year Award is in recognition of a Volunteer community member.

Nominations for the NHWA Police Commissioner's Award is in recognition of a Police employee.

Nominations for the NHWA Awards are open now and will close on 28 September 2018.

Nominations can be completed online or can be sent in to NHWA Awards, PO Box 64, Spring Hill QLD 4004.

For further information check out the website: www.nhwa.com.au or email admin@nhwa.com.au



**Malcolm Grant OAM NHWA
2017 Volunteer of the Year
award recipient Gailene Miller.**



**NHWA 2017 Police
Commissioners' Award
recipient Senior Constable
Amanda Dohrman.**

Malcolm Grant OAM Volunteer of the Year Award

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of an individual who has demonstrated on a continual basis support for the ideals of NHW and has freely given his or her time over an extended period.

Award Specific Criteria

In addressing the award specific criteria applications must demonstrate how the nominee has contributed to three or more of the identified criteria as follows:

- Reduce / prevent local crime and disorder
- Reduce fear of crime
- Address issues relating to anti-social behaviour
- Build community spirit and cohesion
- Reassure members of the public
- Enhance partnership working with other community groups
- Assist in the detection and apprehension of criminals through members providing information to the police
- Improve quality of life within the local environment

Police Commissioners' Award

This Award is presented by the host State/Territory or New Zealand Commissioner (or representative) recognising the outstanding service by an individual Police employee through a consistent contribution to Neighbourhood Watch/Support.

Award Specific Criteria

The nominated employee's contribution must address the award specific criteria as follows:

- Reduce/prevent local crime and disorder
- Reduce fear of crime
- Address issues relating to anti-social behaviour
- Create safer neighbourhoods
- Build community spirit and cohesion
- Reassure members of the public
- Enhance partnership working with other community groups
- Improve quality of life and the local environment



Townsville Community Crime Prevention Information Day

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) presented a Community Crime Prevention Information Day on Saturday 16 June 2018 at Rydges Southbank, Townsville.

The purpose was to equip the residents of Townsville with knowledge of local crime prevention information and 'target hardening' techniques, together with skills, products and services to improve their personal, business and community safety. It was a good opportunity to wrap some support around the people of Townsville.

There was lots of practical information shared on the day that attendees could put into practice when they go home.

We had a variety of presenters and a broad range of crime prevention topics.

Major General Stuart Smith (ret) was appointed in January 2018 to the independent role of Townsville Community Champion on youth crime issues. He is generating and facilitating community-led solutions to youth crimes which will serve as recommendations to the Premier. This has involved consulting the public across a range of sectors.

Major General Smith gave an update on the progress currently being made in this area.

'ThinkUKnow' by Detective Sergeant Steve Carpenter which provides information on what young people see, say and do online, challenges they may face, and importantly, how to get help if something goes wrong.

Acting Detective Senior Sergeant Brad Phelps discussed Drugs in the community and link between drugs and crime and Inspector Glenn Doyle from Townsville Stronger Communities Action Group is



tackling the underlying causes of offending.

Project Booyah is a Police run youth mentor program targeting disconnected youth and was awarded Best program of the State in 2017. Senior Constable Dee Prasser is the State Coordinator and briefed the attendees of the program and the positive outcomes it is producing.

The event was supported by the Queensland Police Service, Local and State Government Representatives, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Board members, volunteers and the local community.

Morning tea and lunch was provided free of charge and gave all attendees the opportunity to speak with experts, other residents, parents and business owners.



Crime Prevention Information Day Upskills the Community in Alice Springs

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch Northern Territory (NHWNT) hosted a Community Crime Prevention Information Day held on Sunday 24 June.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Chief Executive Officer Maria Bennett said “The Community Crime Prevention Information Day was designed to wrap some support around the people of Alice Springs who have been doing it tough for a while now. Lots of practical information was shared on the day that could be put into practice as soon as the attendees went home. There was a free lunch and knowledge to better equip the residents of Alice Springs with Crime Prevention strategies”.

Bradley Currie, Acting Commander NTPF Southern Command also alerted business owners, operators and staff saying **“Opportunistic theft continues to occur and I encourage community members to ensure their business premises, homes and vehicles are secured at all times and valuables are not left within sight or within business premises. Keys for business vehicles should also be secured, as we have observed a trend of business break-ins where offenders have accessed and stolen or interfered with business vehicles.”**

“The reporting of all crime, suspicious and antisocial behaviour, allows police to act on any offence promptly and ensures our intelligence teams are able to direct patrols to identified crime and antisocial hotspots within the Southern Command’s area of responsibility” said Bradley Currie.



Specialist presenters covered a broad range of topics including ‘How to Report Crime’ Bernie Durkin, ‘Crime prevention and deterring crime through environmental design’ Ray Andersson, ‘The Biz Secure program’ Bardia Bodaghi, ‘The role of the Northern Territory Police Intelligence and Coordination Centre’ Acting Snr Sergeant Dean Elliott, ‘Keeping our young people safe’ Dept of the Chief Minister Liz Olle, ‘Home and business online security

and online scams’ ACCC Investigator Emma Godley.

It was a great opportunity to come together and share practical knowledge and techniques for crime prevention that we can use every day. The opportunity to meet with Police, security experts and child safety advisors in the field of crime prevention and work towards a safer, more connected and resilient community for everyone was well received in Alice Springs.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Home Affairs
and Minister for
Immigration and Border
Protection



The Hon Angus Taylor MO
Minister for Law
Enforcement and Cyber
Security



Dr Isaac Kfir
Head of Counter Terrorism
Police Centre, Australian
Strategic Policy Institute



**Assistant Commissioner
Michael Corboy**
Traffic and Highway Patrol
Command, NSW Police



Angela Smith
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Establishing Neighbourhood Watch in a New Multicultural Community

The suburb of Coombs in the ACT (2611) is reported to be one of the fastest growing suburbs in Australia. This poses several challenges when seeking to establish a Neighbourhood Watch network for the suburb.

First, we have no accurate data for the suburb's current population, its demographic characteristics or the profile of its housing.

Second, despite the lack of up to date data we observe that many of the new residents are either single people, young couples without children living in town houses or units, or couples with young children. It seems likely that many of these residents are fully occupied with paying off housing loans and/or looking after their young families. They may well be interested in Neighbourhood Watch newsletters but, understandably, may have higher priorities for their time than taking an active part in Neighbourhood Watch.

Third, as we go around the suburb distributing bi-monthly newsletters it is apparent that Coombs is a very multicultural community and includes a significant proportion of residents for whom English is either a second language or (less often) not spoken or understood at all. At a rough guess, at least 40 per cent of current Coombs residents




Neighbourhood Watch

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131 450	المترجم

come from a non-English speaking background.

How to approach all this when seeking to establish a new Neighbourhood Watch network in a suburb like Coombs?

First, persevere with building up a membership group and, related to this, produce a regular output of Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. We have distributed four newsletters to date, and we got a good harvest of membership applications from the first distribution and we are still welcoming new members responding to subsequent

"Based on our observations to date we are currently aiming to distribute Neighbourhood Watch leaflets to Coombs residents in Hindi, Arabic, Mandarin, Urdu and Bengali."

newsletters. Moreover, we receive a continuing flow of requests for Neighbourhood Watch stickers to attach to garbage bins.


Second, make sure that newsletters are in fact being delivered to

residents. As part of this, knock on a sample of doors and ask whether the residents have received the latest newsletter. This in turn provides good insights into not only whether newsletters are being received but also whether newsletters in languages other than English may be more effective means of communication.

Third, consider the need to deliver Neighbourhood Watch leaflets in non-English languages. Based on our observations to date we are currently aiming to distribute Neighbourhood Watch leaflets to Coombs residents in Hindi, Arabic, Mandarin, Urdu and Bengali. For this we are reliant on the Neighbourhood Watch network for translations into these and other languages. These leaflets will be delivered to members of the relevant language groups within their communities.





Fourth, it follows that help is needed in identifying and distributing Neighbourhood Watch material to residents for whom English is a second language. This in turn means seeking to ensure that Neighbourhood Watch membership for a suburb includes a representative cross-section of these members.

Finally, seek to find a generous sponsor able and willing to copy Neighbourhood Watch material in multiple languages and in hard copy colour. We have been very fortunate in Coombs to find such a sponsor. Details of our sponsorship can be found by accessing our Coombs newsletters at nhwact.com.au/newsletters.php




Neighbourhood Watch

‘नेबरहुड वॉच’ (पड़ोस की देख-रेख) के जरिए सुरक्षित समाज

Hindi



‘ए.सी.टी. पुलिसिंग क्राइम प्रिवेन्शन मल्टीकल्चरल लीएजान टीम’ (ए.सी.टी. पुलिस अपराध-रोकथाम बहुसांस्कृतिक सम्पर्क दल) द्वारा समर्थित

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Neighbour Day Award presentation at the Florey NHW Sausage Sizzle.

Resurgence of Neighbourhood Watch in Florey ACT

Florey Neighbourhood Watch: Up and running... fast!

In February this year, a group of residents in Florey, ACT came together to talk about what could be done after they had experienced a string of burglaries, thefts and antisocial behaviour over a number of years. One of the suggestions was to relaunch Neighbourhood Watch in Florey.

We found that Florey Neighbourhood Watch had operated in Florey until 2003 when circumstances changed for a number of members and it was decided to cease operation. So in early March 2018 a call was made to the President of ACT Neighbourhood Watch to register our interest.

Since then we have experienced an exciting surge of interest in Neighbourhood Watch across the suburb which is becoming contagious! It started with the support of two of our local businesses who donated all we needed for our first sausage sizzle



Many residents attended the Florey NHW Sausage Sizzle.



Members cooking it up at the Florey NHW Sausage Sizzle.



Sergeant Chris Meagher, ACT Policing and Sharon Leigh-Hazell, Area Coordinator, at the Florey NHW members' forum in June.

which was held on 24 March. Three officers from ACT Policing came to talk with residents and we received over 20 membership applications that day. The Neighbour Day award was also presented by Margaret Pearson, President of ACT Neighbourhood Watch to Mr and Mrs Pym of Forde, ACT. All in all a success and helped by a beautiful Canberra Autumn day.

We followed that up with our first newsletter. More local businesses came on board to help us print it. We received more interest, reports of issues like stolen mail, senior residents feeling unsafe in laneways

and off leash dog areas. More people applied for membership.

Our first community forum quickly followed and was held at the local primary school hall In April. Sergeant Chris Meagher from ACT Policing has been an invaluable help to us and attended to speak to the group and discuss issues that were mentioned. Ideas and future projects were identified and... more people joined!

We are also holding monthly morning "Café Catch-up" sessions at Florey shops. Seniors and other people who cannot get to the

forums have come along despite the Canberra winter and rain and enjoy the opportunity to talk about issues that are impacting them.

Our members' forum in June attracted around 25 people and we are working on our third newsletter and looking forward to our Clean-up Florey Day in September. We now have around 90 members and growing weekly. Florey Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank ACT Neighbourhood Watch and ACT Policing for all their help and support which has enabled us to relaunch in such a spectacularly successful way.

History of Hackett ACT Neighbourhood Watch Group

Neighbourhood Watch in Australia was started by Victorian Police in 1983 and in September 1985 the first NHW area was established in the ACT.

Radio announcements and letterbox drops were used to promote interest in the concept and when a suburb had 200 people signed up to become a Member of Neighbourhood Watch. Police set up a Committee and handed over responsibility to it. In the initial years of Neighbourhood Watch in the ACT, the Police continued to play a major role in its overall management but it is now run completely by Volunteers. ACT NHW work closely with ACT Policing and they attend all our Community Events and also have a Police Officer on the ACT NHW Board of Management.

Neighbourhood Watch came to Hackett in the mid 1980s. Initially, two areas were established. NHW Hackett 84 covered the southern part of the suburb in the area closest to Ainslie. NHW Hackett 85 came next covering the area around the shops plus some of Watson. Sometime later, the Police reorganised NHW borders, and created one NHW area for all Hackett.

A first, one-off, job facing the new committee was to erect Neighbourhood Watch signs on the suburb's power poles. They were provided free under a sponsorship deal with Tattersall's, but NHW had to do the actual job of climbing power poles and strapping them on with metal tape. The signs set up in 1986 lasted for nearly 18 years, after which many were bleached white by the sun and needed replacement. In the meantime, ACTEWAGL had been set up, and declared its poles to be "worksites", subject to "occupational health and safety", regulations, and there was no way it was going to allow elderly gentlemen from NHW to climb them. For awhile, it looked

"The end result is that more Hackett residents know each other, and this leads to greater sense of community."

as though NHW might have to pay contractors to do the work, but then it had a stroke of luck; the *Canberra Times* published a photo of a certain ACT minister, up a ladder and affixing a NHW sign to a power-pole in a newly established area. After that, ACTEWAGL compromised and erected the signs for NHW, at no cost though now, for safety reasons signs are erected by a private contractor.

Apart from free street signs and promotional material, Hackett 85 was on its own from the beginning as far as finance was concerned. There was a collection at the first public meeting, and, for many years after its start-up, donations collected at an annual sausage sizzle held at the shopping centre, the sausages being donated by the supermarket.

The major source of revenue, however, has come from advertising in the newsletter. Given its relatively small circulation, it's perhaps surprising that there has never been a shortage of tradesman and small businesses wanting to advertise in it. For tradesman living in Hackett, its great attraction is that any jobs in the suburb involve virtually no travelling time. Indeed, NHW sometimes has to reject requests from would-be advertisers due to lack of space, because advertising is limited to one page, and it is usually full. On a few occasions, Support for NHW in Hackett is still strong. NHW has about 90 members who have received Police security clearance, of whom just over 40 are actively involved in delivering newsletters each month, with about a dozen businesses that give financial support by advertising in the newsletter. Great credit is due to both groups.

Compared to some areas in Canberra, Hackett Neighbourhood Watch has done very well since its inception. It has put out a monthly newsletter without a break since 1985. We currently have a wonderful committee and team of dedicated volunteers and we are always on the look out for new members to enable our community operations to continue.

Generally speaking, Hackett has been a safe and low crime area over all these years so what difference has NHW made to Hackett? First, it has definitely made residents much more aware of the need for security. As one long-time resident recently commented, "until the start of NHW most people were not aware of the dangers that lurk in our suburbs. We lived in our cosy houses and didn't worry about security for ourselves, our families, or our property. People often left doors and windows open when they went out." At the very least, then, NHW has made people security conscious; they take care to secure their own property and valuables, and, look out for their neighbours.

Neighbourhood Watch has helped develop social networks among residents in the suburb.

In addition to Neighbourhood Watch itself, its newsletter has operated as a virtual "village newspaper", keeping residents informed of local activities, and it has promoted the work of other groups, like the Hackett Community Association. The end result is that more Hackett residents know each other, and this leads to greater sense of community, and, one hopes, it makes Hackett a happier and safer place to live.

NHW Hunter Region Growth Continues

Newcastle and the Hunter continue to grow at a steady rate.

Bill Hackney & David Watmore (Assistant Coordinator Hunter) have been actively recruiting and forever on the lookout for communities that could benefit from an active Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The Bi-annual Hunter Region Support Meeting took Place at the Hexham Bowling Club in October 2017 it was attended by groups from four LAC's and a presentation by Senior Constable Alison Stewart from Port Stephens and also recently at the East Maitland Bowling Club in July 2018.

Beresfield-Tarro-Woodberry NHW have been active for the last 30 years headed by Area Coordinator Lloyd Frith and with the assistance of the Hunter Region support network have launched their 1st Facebook page launching them into the 21st Century. Having a strong existing membership base this will also enable to reach those that may not make the face to face meetings but will be able to engage 24hrs a day.

Woodberry Zone Coordinator Kirsty Gray is coordinating the Social Media side and is excited to be able to share crime prevention tips with one of the best NHW newsletters in state on a digital level for the 1st time.

NHW attended the Woodberry Swamp Stomp Festival on April 22 where volunteers engaged with the community and handed out free merchandise and brochures. It was a great day of family friendly fun and entertainment.



Hunter Region Support Network regional Bi-annual meeting.



Woodberry Swamp Stomp festival (Gazebo stall) NHW Stand and Police Stand engaging with the youth of Woodberry.

Blue Gum Hills Tightening Up on Steal from Motor Vehicles



The Irony of Crime Prevention.

Neighbourhood Watch Blue Gum Hills (NHW BGH) is an active group of 40 members in the Hunter Region of NSW. Our group officially formed in February 2017 and we have about 355 people in our Facebook group.

The NSW Police Force and media reports have advised that number plates stolen from motor vehicles can be used to commit criminal offences including failing to pay for fuel.

Stealing number plates from vehicles is costly and inconvenient for the owner of the vehicle. It's also indirectly adds to the service station operators costs and the price of fuel. Crime committed from these acts has a flow on affect to other local business and community.

On the 24 February 2018, NHW BGH conducted an 'Anti-Theft Screws Day' at a local Service Station. The

"Often people would bring in one car and when it was done take it back home and bring back another."

service station is located on a main road that runs through all three of the suburbs that makes Blue Gum Hills. They were more than happy to support the local community and help prevent a problem that also affects them.

NHW BGH had raised funds during the year and purchase assorted sized tamper-resistant screws. NHW BGH Coordinator, David Watmore said, "Sometimes it can be difficult to coordinate enough volunteers even for a short four-hour event. But with the sun shining over our new marquee, our three male volunteers were outnumbered by our

six female volunteers. Soon enough, cars with trailers and all sorts of vehicles were rolling in. Often people would bring in one car and when it was done take it back home and bring back another. In the hours we were there, we fitted screws to 65 vehicles. There were only a handful of high end European vehicles that our screws didn't suit."

David says all the ladies that volunteered to help, are absolute legends when it came to quickness and efficiency taking an average of 5 minutes to do each car front and back. He reckons that a couple of V8 supercar chiefs approached them to become pit crew members.

This was the first event like this that NHW BGH has held and it was a huge success that was embraced by the community. David said, "Despite this being a free service to vehicle owners, gold coin donations were gratefully accepted to help offset a lot of the cost that we outlaid. Plus, due to the heat of the day, members of the public gave bottles of water to help keep us hydrated." He continued, "We had a member of the newly formed NHW Medowie and the NHW Hunter Region Area Coordinator come along to lend support."

The NHW BGH now have more requests from the community wanting to know when they are holding another Anti-Theft Screw Day. David said, "We are hoping to have another soon. However, next time we'll ensure we have more room to move vehicles and invest in battery powered screwdrivers."



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Willoughby NHW



The Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch (WNHW) group started in January 2018 and has partnerships with Willoughby Living, NSW Police (Chatswood) Local Area Command through Crime Prevention Officer Michael Alexander and Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and Willoughby Council staff.

The Willoughby NHW launch event was held at the Chatswood shopping mall on Saturday 14 April 2018. The stand was manned by Linda Watts, David

Stickland, Constable Michael Alexander and Councillor Christine Tuon. Also attended by Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney. This event was promoted on the WNHW Facebook page, Police on the North Shore LAC Facebook page and in the North Shore Times What's On page.

Approximately 150 people attended the stand and received the NHW brochures, cards, fridge magnets and the relevant screws for the number plates for their make of car.

Thanks to the NHTA Community Funding Program grant 'NHW Start Up' was delivered. The kit includes basic information and resources, including: UV Marker pen kits, engraver tools, business cards, magnetic posters and number plate tamper proof screws for distribution to local residents. The funding also supplied the group with an outdoor banner to use at events.

Gillieston Heights NHW Newest Group

July saw the newest NHW group to the state with Gillieston Heights up and running. Gillieston Heights is one of the Hunter regions fastest growing suburbs with a very connected (online) presence.

With a population of over 3000 and growing by the day the community was quick to embrace a NHW program.

The median age of the suburb is 28 (Census 2016) and the community was quick to adopt the Facebook concept and are very responsive to the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

The group helps stop crime by increasing supervision in the area

and encouraging people to report to Police.

Port Stephens-Hunter police crime prevention officer Senior Constable Kel Boak said "A common crime in Gillieston Heights was break-ins to homes under construction. A Neighbourhood Watch group could help combat that by encouraging residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity and report it to Police. Police can't be everywhere. Neighbourhood Watch helps us get our message out."

We look forward to seeing great things from this vibrant community. For more information about the group visit the Facebook group: Neighbourhood Watch Gillieston.



David Heterick, Ria Andrews, Brad Adams, Bill Hackney, volunteers who have started a new Neighbourhood Watch Group at Gillieston Heights. Photo credit Maitland Mercury – Fairfax Media Group.

NHW helps celebrate 53 year old festival

In the Hunter Region of NSW is a festival that will celebrate its 53rd year from 29 September to 7 October and it also coincides with Neighbourhood Watch Week. Neighbourhood Watch Blue Gum Hills will be there to help celebrate.

The festival has various themes for each day but that revolve around community and families and they have everything from local dance companies having their students perform, local young talent and of course the compulsory rides, fairy floss and pluto pups. The Mattara Festival moved from its previous site at

the harbour foreshore last year out to Wallsend.

The organisers of the festival have very kindly allowed NHW to have a stall at the festival free of charge to help promote NHW in the community. It is very gratifying and humbling when a festival that has been running as long as Mattara shows support for NHW.

We look forward to a fantastic, busy day as the festival attracted over 50,000 people last year. This is a great way to promote NHW Week 2018 as it is only 1 month away so time to start planning. What are you doing for NHW Week?



You just never know who is going to visit a NHW stall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND



The Hobsonville Point community in West Auckland organised a fantastic community event, which was attended by over 250 people.



Food was an essential part of most Neighbours' Day events. The weather wasn't so great in Mangere, South Auckland, but these chefs knew how to put on a barbeque.

Neighbours' Day Aotearoa!

In late March, 7792 people took part in Neighbours' Day Aotearoa events organised by Neighbourhood Support groups throughout New Zealand.

Neighbours' Day Aotearoa is a collaborative initiative which aims to connect communities and encourage people to celebrate neighbourliness. Participants can register their events on the Neighbours' Day Aotearoa website and have access to a range of resources to help them organise their events.

Neighbourhood Support New Zealand members organised a wide variety of events, from a street contact who baked cookies and delivered them to all her neighbours, to street parties, treasure hunts and community events. Even workplaces got in on the act.

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At a national level NSNZ ran a photo competition, with a prize sponsored by our friends at Safelet, and hosted a morning tea for our neighbours at Police National Headquarters in Wellington. The winner of the photo competition was the Cooper Crescent group in Otara, South Auckland. They put together a fantastic video, which can be viewed at: <https://neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/news/events/>

As a result of the events a number of new Neighbourhood Support groups were set up.

One Neighbours' Day participant said, "We enjoyed getting our neighbours together for a shared morning tea. It was a great chance to catch up with each other, get to know a few new faces and enjoy some delicious goodies. We've decided we should be neighbourly every Monday!"

Neighbourhood Support for Local Businesses

An initiative between Manurewa Neighbourhood Support and NZ Police is supporting retail businesses to introduce crime prevention measures.

Manurewa is a large and vibrant suburb in South Auckland. Many businesses in the area are small and locally owned and several had been the target of robberies. Among those businesses who were particularly vulnerable were dairies (for our Australian friends these are our version of a convenience store - neighbourhood shops which sell everything from ice creams through to cigarettes). Manurewa's local Member of Parliament, Louisa Wall, was keen to support the dairies and spoke to the local Neighbourhood Support team about how this could be achieved.

The result was the Manurewa Dairies Project - a partnership between NZ Police and Neighbourhood Support NZ. Manurewa Neighbourhood Support has taken the lead on the project, which kicked off in October last year.

The project has focused on supporting vulnerable businesses and trialling an approach which involved working with the businesses on a one-to-one basis to help build awareness of crime prevention.

Manurewa Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator, Jo Collins, and local Police representatives initially visited all the dairies to introduce themselves and engage them in the project.

The response from the dairy owners was very positive and Jo has returned to all of the premises to work through a CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) assessment with them. This identified a number of improvements that the dairies could take to reduce their risk, such as shifting high risk items away from the front of the shop, relocating fridges or shelves to improve visibility and securing rear doors. All of the dairies have now implemented a range of prevention



Police Minister, Hon. Stuart Nash, with Louisa Wall (Manurewa MP), Colleen Brown (Neighbourhood Support Counties-Manukau District Rep) and Acting Inspector Chris Barry (Manurewa Police) on a walk around of the dairies in Manurewa. Photo credit: © Stuff.

practices as a result and many have also installed security cameras.

Despite the fact that the previous government had introduced a scheme to assist high risk businesses to install security devices, such as audible alarms, fog cannons, and DNA spray, none of the Manurewa dairies had taken up the offer. The main reason for this was cost, with businesses being required to contribute half of the installation costs and then maintain the equipment. It was also physically impossible to install some devices because of access to power outlets and the layout of the premises. Police Minister, Stuart Nash, has now increased the subsidy for the equipment and the Manurewa dairy owners are beginning to use the scheme.

Neighbourhood Support NZ's District Representative for the area, Colleen Brown, says that one of the successes of the Project has been the increased

communication between the business owners. An informal support group has been established so that the dairy owners can connect with one another and share information. There has also been increased awareness of how local Neighbourhood Support groups, nearby businesses and schools can support crime prevention measures in the wider community.

"Communication and taking the time to build relationships has been a key part of the project," Colleen says.

"It takes time to build trust so that people are open to considering new ideas and accepting advice about new ways of doing things. We have seen a growing awareness of prevention and safety measures and a better understanding of current Policing policies and response availability."

The project has been a great example of how taking a community-led, collaborative approach can have positive crime prevention outcomes.

Safety from a Teenagers Point of View

On the 18 May NHWNT attended the Darwin High School Healthy Living Expo, with six volunteers and NT Police. The event aimed to provide high school aged students with information on healthy living and inform them of services that are available to them in the Top End.

Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton took the opportunity to speak with the young people and survey them to find out what their main safety concerns are. Tracy-Dale reported that “The students were very keen to talk about their safety and their perception of safety”.

150 students took part in the survey. 81% of the respondents travelled at some time without adult supervision.

In response to the question about what makes the students feel unsafe in their community, 35% felt unsafe around intoxicated strangers, 12% stated that lack of street lighting contributed to feeling unsafe, 9% answered break-ins or theft and 8% responded that dogs made them feel unsafe. Importantly, 21% said they already felt safe in their community or couldn't think of anything to improve their sense of safety.

The survey also asked if the students felt there was enough information on how to stay safe in their community and also asked them to detail where they would go to find this information. Results showed that 41% of respondents felt there was not



Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton conducting the NHWNT Safety in Your Neighbourhood survey with 150 Darwin High School students at the Darwin High Healthy Living Expo 18 May 2018.

enough information. Respondent's top choice of where they would go for information was school (71%), with home and the internet equal second. The only other mentioned learning tool was TV (26%).

The survey, went on to ask what the young people thought their parents biggest safety concern is. The only two topics that came up were strangers and traffic.

Hannah Quilford, NHWNT Manager said *“This is one of the first times we have collected data directly from*

young people and it has proved a really valuable exercise” she added “It is important for us (NHWNT) to fully understand safety concerns of all residents to help us to deliver relevant programs that met community expectations”.

This data is timely as it coincides with the review of the NHWNT Safety House Program and the launch of the “Demand and Harm Reduction through Art” project, which are both aimed at helping young people feel safer.

Territory Fun Day



Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton making badges and interacting with the children.

Territory Day is celebrated every year on the 1st of July. This year was extra special as we celebrated 40 years since the Northern Territory was granted self-government. In Darwin there was a Family Fun Day at Flinders Park in Durack where NHWNT volunteers and Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton made badges, did fingerprints and also gave out some merchandise and brochures to members of the community.



NHWNT Volunteer Judy North giving out Wheelie Bin Stickers.



NHWNT Volunteer Di Barclay making Badges.



Left to right: Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton, Jennifer Malone, Gary Haslett, Suzanne Seeers, Hannah Finbow, Trevor Riley.

Neighbourhood Watch NT's 30th Birthday

Neighbourhood Watch was established in the Northern Territory on the 3 March 1988, making this year its 30th birthday!

Volunteers around the NT helped celebrate this milestone in Eva's Café at the Darwin Botanic Gardens on 26th of June and at the Katherine night markets on 30th of June. NT Police and the NHWNT Patron Trevor Riley, being the NT Chief Justice from 2010 to 2016, happily joined in with these celebrations that will continue throughout the year.

Over the past 30 very successful years, Neighbourhood Watch NT has delivered a broad range of programs

including Kerbside Numbering, Suburb and Residential Signage, Bike Engraving, CPTED Audits, Operation ID (engraving), Mark Your Territory (UV Marker Pens) and the Report Suspicious Activity Wheelie Bin Stickers.

Delivering personal safety talks to seniors, multicultural groups and youth groups continues to be a key role for NHWNT support staff and volunteers.

Neighbourhood Watch NT delivers programs that empowers people to take responsibility for their own safety and encourages collaborative crime prevention partnerships

between community and the NT Police. Our membership has gone from strength to strength with a 46% increase since 2014 to 1027 members.

- Key highlights for Neighbourhood Watch NT include:
- Launch of NHWNT Website – November 2004
- Hosting the NHW Australasia Annual Conference and AGM in 2003 and 2013
- Partnership with City of Darwin Council in the BIG GIG, a drug and alcohol free event called "The Big Day Without" targeting young people aged 12-25 years, with



Volunteers and Police celebrate 30 years of Neighbourhood Watch in the NT!

events and competitions held in Katherine, Alice Springs and Darwin in 2011

- NHWNT Support & Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton, received the 2014 NHA Police Commissioners Award at the NHW Australasia AGM in October 2014
- Mark Your Territory, UV Marker Pen Project launched – March 2015
- Volunteering SA-NT National Volunteer of the Year Recognition Awards for NHWNT Volunteer Angela Cornall in 2016 & Janine Fong-Lim & Marion Hancock in 2017
- Over 5,500 hours of volunteer contributions between 2014 and 2018, participating in over 400 community events across the Territory



Happy 30th birthday Neighbourhood Watch NT.

Bli Bli Skate Comp



Our Bli Bli Skate Competition is now in its 2nd year. We partner with Skate Aid Aust who are also a not for profit organisation however we do pay them \$2000 for the day as they also bring in registered coaches who have varied skills in this sport. The youngest entrant this year was 4 years old and the oldest was 16 years old.

We started this last year as our Community Youth programme

to keep the kids off the streets and into our Park where they can be active with a few learned skills. Last year we had 60 kids enter the event aged between primary and high school. This year we had 80 kids register whose Mums and Dads and extended family members all turned up to watch. The Deputy Commissioner of Police and some Volunteers in Policing from Sunshine Coast also attended and gave

the children stickers to put on their helmets.

Our State Member welcomed the kids and the community and thanked BBNHW for bringing this event to our youth in the area and our Local Councillor Steve Robinson who opened the day with Welcome to Country.

Every child that enters the competition gets a prize; Board stores are very generous with their Gift Vouchers.

Reducing the Speed Limit 50 In My Street

Burnett Heads/Port NHW Group were concerned with the speed cars travelled through the village where kangaroos are prevalent, so we approached Bundaberg Regional Council. The request was for the speed limit to be reduced from 60 to 50 on Zunker Street and for Kangaroo signs to be placed in relevant spots. During February we were advised the request would be acted upon and relevant signs were erected, for which they were very excited.

Neighbour Day was held on 25 March at Oaks Beach with a breakfast sausage sizzle, face painting for children and lots of NHW merchandise. This morning proved successful with a good community response. Having successfully applied for a grant from Bundaberg Regional Council two teardrop NHW Banners were purchased and proudly displayed on the day.



A reminder to everyone that the speed limit is only '50 IN MY STREET'.

Burnett Heads/Port NHW applied for and was successful with a grant from NHTA for implementation of "50 in My Street" signage for wheelie bins. Another way of trying to reduce speeding throughout the



Sergeant Matt Steinhardt and Councillor Scott Rowleson from Bundaberg Regional Council.

area. This project was completed in April/May.

A Burnett Heads/Port NHW Facebook Page started early 2018 is proving very popular with over 200 members to date.

Property Identification a hit with Twin Waters Community

Sunshine Coast Police and Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch spent the morning on Friday 16 June engaging with the Twin Waters Community. It was great to see so many local residents take the opportunity to discuss local community issues and to talk about property security and have their bicycles engraved.

With a recent increase in stolen motor vehicle offences it was a good time to remind the community to ensure the vehicles are locked and secured when unattended and that all valuables should be removed.

Many offences occur as a result of vehicles being left unlocked. Don't be an easy target. This is an open



invitation for thieves to help themselves to your belongings.

Police took the opportunity to conduct a Lock it or Lose it initiative in conjunction with the event and were pleased with the overall precautions drivers had taken.

Woree NHW Markets draw a crowd

After years of hard work and planning, the Woree NHW markets kicked off in their new location with huge success on the weekend.

Over 30 stall holders were set up at the Cannon Park Racecourse as locals came to buy, view and sample bric-a-brac, fruit and vegetables, local honey, plants, home and business craft, pallet furniture, fruit ice-blocks and a sausage sizzle.

Stall holders were pleased with the response to the markets and have encouraged NHW Area Coordinator Alwin Koo to consider running a monthly market.

"I would like to thank the Cairns Jockey club for allowing us to use their car-park area for the markets and look forward to working with them to try and establish a regular monthly market," said Alwin Koo.

"A thank you is also extended to Mr Bruce Houghton who has allowed our group to hold our markets at



Woree NHW Stand at the Woree Markets.

Woree High School for the past 4 years."

"The atmosphere at the market and the community spirit was amazing! Stall holders chipped in to help with the set-up and even rallied together to help pack up at the end of the day."

"This day wouldn't be the success it was without my dedicated volunteers Shaun and Irene, they have been at every market for the past 4 years."



NHW Area Coordinator and market organiser Alwin Koo.

"I would also like to thank the Hunger Hut for providing food and drinks and donating a portion of proceeds back to Woree NHW for future community projects."

Stallholders and market goers are encouraged to join the Woree NHW Facebook page to stay up-to-date with future market dates.

Congratulations Alwin and your team for organising a great community event, we look forward to hearing about the success of future markets.

Ipswich NHW Celebrates 30 Years!

Ipswich District has had two District NHW Meetings since January, 8 Feb and 3 May and two NHW Community Engagement events on at Fernvale and one at Karalee. We have also enjoyed a Dogs on Patrol event on the 29 April at Walloon.

We have had meetings with the organising Committee for the 30 year Celebrations for Ipswich District where we are organising a Gala Dinner and combining 3 significant events on the same night, they are:

- The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards
- The Lapel Badge Awards for the District
- Riverview NHW 30 Year Anniversary

Riverview NHW is celebrating 30 Years this year, Congratulations Riverview!

The District was also successful with \$1,500 funding through NHW Australasia and have purchased some coffee cups and chocolates in wrappers for the 30 year celebrations.



From left to right persons in the photo are; Senior Constable Kerrin Sheedy Ipswich District Crime Prevention Officer, Mr Jim Madden MP Ipswich West, Sergeant Nadine Webster Ipswich District Crime Prevention Coordinator, Volunteer in Policing Tonisha Bourke, Stacey Pearsall, Elizabeth Grech, Crime Stoppers Volunteer Teigan Hogbin, Mrs Pam Lobwein Ipswich District Neighbourhood Watch Chairperson and Senior Constable Dave Ray Ipswich District Dog Squad.

Coomera 13 Neighbours Party

Local services coming together to showcase what is available in the area as we have any interstate families moving here.

We had the GCCC come with their free plants, the Pet Management team came to give advice to the kids plus GC and CC came to do a show about Pet Ownership and Responsibility for the kids. We had live entertainment from a local group. A local dance group came and did a 30 min session and their little ones showcased a lovely routine. Free jumping castle, Sparky Do Dah and sausage sizzle.

250 people came out to join in the festivities. We were hoping for more but in hindsight we should have made it a Sunday morning as we were told by quite a few people that anything in afternoon can easily be forgotten once the kids have been busy in the morning and need down time in the afternoon.



NHW Display/ raffle.

It's all going on in the Northern Beaches

The new year is well and truly underway for NHW groups in Far North Queensland. January started off with the launch of an online NHW Group in the idyllic holiday destination of Port Douglas. The online NHW group is a first for Port Douglas and is run with full support from Officer in Charge of the Port Douglas Police Station, Sergeant Damian Meadows.

Northern Beaches NHW group Palm Cove NHW braved the rain to run a display at the Palm Cove Australia Day celebrations by the beach in January. Thousands of tourists and locals lined the Palm Cove Esplanade which provided the perfect opportunity for NHW volunteers to hand out NHW material along with personal and home safety information.

Following a successful funding grant from NHWA, Far Northern QLD NHW has just received a

stock of self-designed NHW activity books and small packets of pencils. These are sure to be a hit with the younger members of our community with lots of activities and colouring pages to keep them busy. A special thanks is extended to NHWA and the Federal Government for the funding grant and their assistance with project.

There is little rest for our NHW volunteers who continue with their regular meetings and working with their local suburbs to address issues of concern. Many groups have some great projects and fundraisers on the horizon with Woree NHW recommencing their Street BBQ's later this month and Manunda NHW booked in for a sausage sizzle fundraiser next month.

Our online contingent of NHW supporters and online groups continue to go from strength to strength. We are proud to say that in March this year we reached over 20,000 followers online.



Palm Cove NHW volunteer Sean McGinn (orange shirt) Palm Cove NHW Areas Coordinator Mark Ellwood.



Activity Books funded by NHWA Community Funding Program.

Manunda NHW Cooks Up Community Support



Manunda NHW volunteers at the IGA sausage sizzle.

With a big team of amazing volunteers Manunda Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) had plenty of hands on deck to run their first fundraising sausage sizzle at their local IGA.

The volunteers donned their NHW aprons and cooked up a storm for five hours on a busy Saturday morning in this stunning Cairns winter weather.

The sausage sizzle provided the perfect opportunity for community members to stop and chat with the NHW volunteers to find out more about NHW in their suburb and crime prevention strategies.

Area Coordinator Amanda Allan was extremely pleased with their first fundraiser and looks forward to future events.

"It was fantastic to see so many volunteers put their hands up to help on the day," said Amanda.



Manunda NHW Volunteers Thelma Spelta and Jo Mugridge and Area Coordinator Amanda Allan.

"Having so many volunteers made it easy to stop and chat to members of our community and hand out flyers. We have another sausage sizzle planned on the 8 July at Bunnings followed by our next community meeting on the 30 July at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort."

"A special thank you is extended to Piccones IGA for the BBQ, gas and discounted sausages and the Ishmael Road Bakery for supplying

the bread. We of course cannot forget our great volunteers who gave up their Saturday to come and help."

Want to find out more about Manunda NHW, why not join their Facebook Page or attend their next meeting on the Cairns Colonial Club resort on the 30 July.

For more information email nhwmanunda@gmail.com

Carlyle Gardens Retirement Village NHW Launch



On Wednesday 23 May the Townsville District Police were honoured to officially launch the Carlyle Gardens Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Speakers were Area Coordinator Ron Whalan, Townsville Assistant District Officer, Superintendent Steve Munro and the Officer in charge of the

Townsville District Crime Prevention Unit Acting Senior Sergeant Julie Cooke.

All spoke of the benefits that NHW would bring to the village and how the enhanced partnership between the community and the police could help to reduce crime and solve reported crime.

Superintendent Munro spoke to the crowd about the importance of Neighbourhood Watch Groups in Queensland and about people banding together to make the community a safer place.

Following the formalities a cake cutting ceremony was performed by the officials.

NHW Mackay Northern Beaches



Ken and the MRC Bucasia.

NHW Mackay Northern Beaches has been very busy since the beginning of the year.

Cuppa and a chat is a Wednesday morning meeting at a beach location in the Northern Beaches where the community can gather. This is regularly attended by over 20 people. We had to cancel one meeting due to a possible cyclone but the rest have gone ahead.

Police updated the community on matters of interest. One meeting at Bucasia all 12 members of the Mackay Regional Council attended as part of their community engagement. The CEO was also present and able to answer questions regarding parking, roads, speeding, Telstra coverage etc. At this meeting we presented Ken with a NHWA certificate for his hard work in the community in relation to NHW.

Another event that has happened in the Northern Beaches area twice so far again this year is the partnership with Shed Happens which allows men to gather for a BBQ breakfast and talk about the good the bad and the ugly. Two special guest speakers have attended and one of them was the Mackay District Superintendent Mr Bruce McNab. He retold his journey as a family man from youngster to present day. We have had good attendances at these meetings and everyone enjoys the games after on the beach. The BBQ is also well appreciated.

A small group of NHWers along with Senior Constable Steve Smith and I have been working in the back ground organising our own 30th anniversary NHW workshop... more of this in the future.

Slade Point NHW is going through an amazing rejuvenation. They have instigated a BBQ breakfast at Lamberts Beach early on Sunday mornings (once a



Les Cooking at NHW and Shed Men's Breakfast at Blacks Beach.

month) where many locals (up to 50) gather to discuss local issues. Another development has been to set up a NHW coffee stop outside the State School so that NHWers can talk to parents of the local students. They have also been involved in a local seafood festival and assisted in the following clear up. The Slade Point facebook page is gaining traction.

Pioneer Valley. The NHW is supported well by the officers in the Valley but as yet they have not found any "local champions". Their NHW facebook page is really well supported and gets lots of traction which re distributed mypolice blog posts.

Midge Point: Negotiations is ongoing with a few members of the Midge Point community to set up a NHW there. We will be assisting in this process. They have already started a facebook page.

Pin-Up Pooch



CSP's Beige Labrador "Homer" was thrilled when Senior Constable Tammy White encouraged him to be the pin-up pooch for the launch of the joint Pine Rivers Crime Prevention/ Bray Park NHW "light up key ring" project at the Emergency Services Expo at Kurwongbah on Sunday 20 May 2018 and Dayboro Day Sunday 27 May.

Police were handing out the keyrings to encourage residents to know the

location of their keys and to remind everyone to lock up their homes and vehicles and "Homer" was only too pleased to assist in imparting the message.

Don't be an easy target, leaving keys on the kitchen bench or in the vehicle's ignition makes it easier for opportunist to either break and enters homes or steal from or theft of vehicles.

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/pinerivers>



Cecilia Serchen Volunteer in Policing and Senior Constable Tammy White.

Dedicated Volunteers Manning the BBQ

Merrimac M5 NHW held a fundraising and information day on Saturday 5 May at the Worongary Town Centre Shops.

When we booked the date, we didn't realise that it was a long weekend, or that there was a Home Show on that weekend at the Mudgeeraba Showground. Although we didn't make a lot of money, we more than broke even,

and did raise the profile of our group, which was important.

We aim to hold another Sausage Sizzle there on Saturday 7 July at the same venue. The Worongary Butcher supported us with discounted sausages, Bakers Delight donated the bread, Coles donated a \$50 gift voucher which we used to purchase supplies, and Kennards Hire donated the use of the BBQ.



Crestmead NHW

Feeding the Crowd at PCYC Crestmead Annual Outdoor Spectacular

The annual PCYC community celebration held 30 June was the best attended and the ideal opportunity for our “inaugural” use of the BBQ trailer funded through Strengthening Communities Grant.

Lots of interested people in the NHW stall, plus a non-stop line up for BBQ, drinks and potato slinkies.

This was an ideal opportunity for the community to gain insights into the different groups who use the community centre run by the PCYC, and access the information provided by local council, health and community groups. A few different community groups were very impressed with the trailer and will be hiring for their future events.



Local Member for Rankin and Shadow Minister for Finance Mr Jim Chalmers dropped by



All Terrain Vehicle on patrol.



NHW stall.

Cuppa with a Cop



NHW state President Jan Dunsby and Commander Peter Edwards at Cuppa with a Cop.

Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania launched its *Cuppa with a Cop* on Friday 23 March at the Northgate Shopping Centre in Glenorchy.

Cuppa with a Cop was launched by NHW State President Jan Dunsby and in attendance were several Police personnel, including Commander Peter Edwards, Inspector Peter Harris along with a number of operational Police Officers.

The initiative provided an opportunity for people to meet their local Police and discuss community issues in a neutral and informal space.

The initiative was well received by members of the community who were present at the time.

The initial launch has been followed up with another *Cuppa with a Cop*



Commander Peter Edwards and Inspector Peter Harris having a coffee and a chat with members of the community.

held at the Mowbray Marketplace, in Northern Tasmania. The initiative was again well received by the local community and local Officers.

Planning is under way for similar events when appropriate locations and opportunities are identified.

Officers 'Walk Safely to School' with Students

Students from Beaconsfield Primary School in Northern Tasmania were thrilled to be joined by Constable Alex Long, Senior Constable Jarrod Burleigh and Sergeant Scott McKinnell for 'Walk Safely to School Day' recently.

"After we practiced safely crossing the road with the students we celebrated with milo and spaghetti on toast along with some good old fashioned in-depth conversations at the school's breakfast club," said Sergeant Scott McKinnell. "It was really great to be involved and see the students and community come together



Constable Alex Long and Sergeant Scott McKinnell attending Walk safely to school day.

and rally behind such a good initiative aimed at increasing road safety awareness for pedestrians."

It was an opportunity to spread positivity and to engage with the community.

Camp Clayton Family Fun Day

On Saturday 21 April 2018 members from Tasmania Police attended the Camp Clayton Family Fun Day held at Turners Beach.

This event was a huge success, with over 3500 people in attendance. People travelled from Smithton and Launceston to attend the event. The event was run by staff at Camp Clayton in an effort to bring the community together for a fun day out at minimal cost, targeting families and children.

Tasmania Police set up an interactive display for

patrons focusing on community engagement. The display included:

- a fingerprinting station;
- colouring in;
- children's dress up police uniforms;
- access to a police car and the mobile random breath testing bus; and
- demonstrations from the bomb and drug dogs with the opportunity to interact with them.

Tasmania Police are hoping to be involved in this event again in the future.



Camp Clayton Family Fun Day held at Turners Beach.

How Big Is Your NHW Foot Print?



Eid Festival Old Gipps town Moe, Victoria.



Publicity Campaign, Latrobe Community Safety Network.

As Neighbourhood Watch Victoria celebrates 35 years of service to the community, we ask ourselves what size foot print have we left behind.

Our social media page <https://www.facebook.com/scgnhwlatrobe/vic/> has 350+ likes. 76% of our followers are women, 21% are aged between 25-34, 19% are aged between 35-44 our average daily views fluctuate between 30-100. Some of our more successful posts engaging parents on the need for a school crossing at a local Primary School, have reached 3,000+.

To ensure we engage the whole community we have also established a good report with Latrobe Valley Express with an audited circulation of 36,385+.

Other social media pages including <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nhwa.com.au/> has also been of great assistance for our group.

We've just created a twitter account in response to requests to engage with younger people and adults who don't follow facebook.

From time to time we have been guests on the breakfast show of local community radio Gippsland FM 104.7.

Technology is not the complete answer and should be backed up with face to face contact. We achieve this by watching what upcoming events are advertised on community radio, newspapers and our local Council events page.

A significant amount of ground has been covered resulting in regular requests to attend or support community events culminating in at least 1 event per week. *(It should be noted at this point that we have 22 registered members of which 11 are very active and only 1 who is not yet retired)*

We have 2 members from our group on the Latrobe Community Safety Committee that was created from the Latrobe Community Safety Network Survey that asked our community about their crime and safety concerns within our community. The LCSC meets monthly to discuss ongoing issues

and to create events to interact with all of our community. The LCSC consists of Victoria Police members, Department of Justice representatives, local Council and regular community members.

Our partnership with Victoria Police is very strong. Recently we both ran a free BBQ event, "Sausage With A Cop" at the Justice precinct on the same day as Family Violence court hearings. The response was positive and we are considering the possibility of another event.

On 20 July we saw the return of the Blue Light Disco for Primary school students in years 4-6 at Morwell Central Primary school.

Our agenda for this year, Bike Engraving, Community Safety Audits, 2 Operation Safe Plate events, ESV/Community Group/ NHW Day at Latrobe Regional Airport, Community Family Fun Day, graffiti monitoring & removal, Bunnings Family Fun Nights, Centenary of Anzac and Remembrance Day final concert.

Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program Comes to Wandong Primary School



Students receive their NHW water bottles from Wallan and Kilmore police officers and NHW representatives. Photo courtesy Ian Blythe: North Central Review.

Wandong is the first school in Melbourne or a Melbourne fringe regional area to embrace this innovative and educational program brought about through a collaborative effort between South Mitchell NHW, Police from Wallan and Kilmore, Wandong Primary School, and strongly supported through a NHW Australasia grant.

The program is comprehensive, is flexible, multi focussed, and has the ability to address issues as they occur (school bullying, etc). Topics can be added or changed to fit any individual School's cultural or individual needs.

When they see the kids learning and having fun (particularly the

problem children), along with the positive message being taken home to parents the teachers are all wondering why they didn't have the program earlier. More schools to come on board!

Has It Been Effective?

2 real outcomes from Leading Senior Constable Joe Clarke.

(a) "We got the students to hand write letters to local residents asking them to keep an eye on the School during a holiday period. Every year thefts, damages or break ins occurred every School holiday. The result was that there was no crime at the School or in the immediate vicinity during that term break."

(b) "Local police had a person trying to talk kids into getting into a car. The offender was never at the same School twice, moving among Schools. We only had a vague description of a vehicle. We conducted a session on how to be an effective witness at several Schools teaching the kids what to look out for. The vehicle appeared at one of those Schools and the adult witnesses gave varying descriptions - all vague. One of our students told Police they had taken the class and had been told not to try and remember everything but just one thing that was unusual. They provided a description of what was unusual about the vehicle and an arrest was made within the hour"

We are currently running out the Road Safety session. **The kids do a 10km bike ride with a “full on” police escort, tour the Wallan Police Station, have their bikes I.D. engraved, then return.** It finishes with the kids building bike helmets for eggs and then going outside and seeing if the eggs break or not. This activity is loved by the kids and the only issue is getting told off by the principle because the noise generated by the excitement ends up disrupting other classes. Having said that the principal is ecstatic to see the kids so engaged and learning a valuable lesson reinforced in a fun way so I think the tell off is tongue in cheek. Every single session is done in a fun filled way.

And the last say from the kids themselves...

“In an emergency, we will know how to respond. We will know to look for features and details...”

SCHOOL CAPTAIN - Brock:
“This program helps us understand what happens when crime does occur. I particularly liked the forensic art – where we had to draw a suspect from the description given. They taught me how important it was to give good details and notice small things.”

SCHOOL CAPTAIN - Scout: *“In an emergency, we will know how to respond. We will know to look for features and details. I loved doing fingerprinting – it’s really interesting.”*

VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN - Emily:
“This program shows us the different

roles that police fulfil. We learnt what goes on behind the scenes in a crime scene. My favourite lesson was learning about the patterns on my own fingerprint.”

VICE SCHOOL CAPTAIN - Cody:
“The NHW program teaches us a range of skills and we get to interact with local police in our school setting. I learn the impact of social media and how important it is not to share personal details.

**The kids love it, the teachers love it, the police love it, we love it!!
 WIN - WIN!!**

Whittlesea City Operation Safe Plate

NHW Whittlesea City hosted Safe Plate pop up stalls in numerous venues during March, April and May. Thanks to funding from the NHWA Community Funding Program we were able to purchase 12,000 one way screws, two pull up banners and some brochures which were distributed to members of the public at the following community events: Whittlesea Festival, Mernda Festival, Whittlesea Township, South Morang Coles, Whittlesea Twilight Seniors Group, Lyndarum Shopping Centre Epping, Bundoora Shopping Centre and Epping Leisure Centre, Emergency Services Day and Pacific Epping Shopping Centre.



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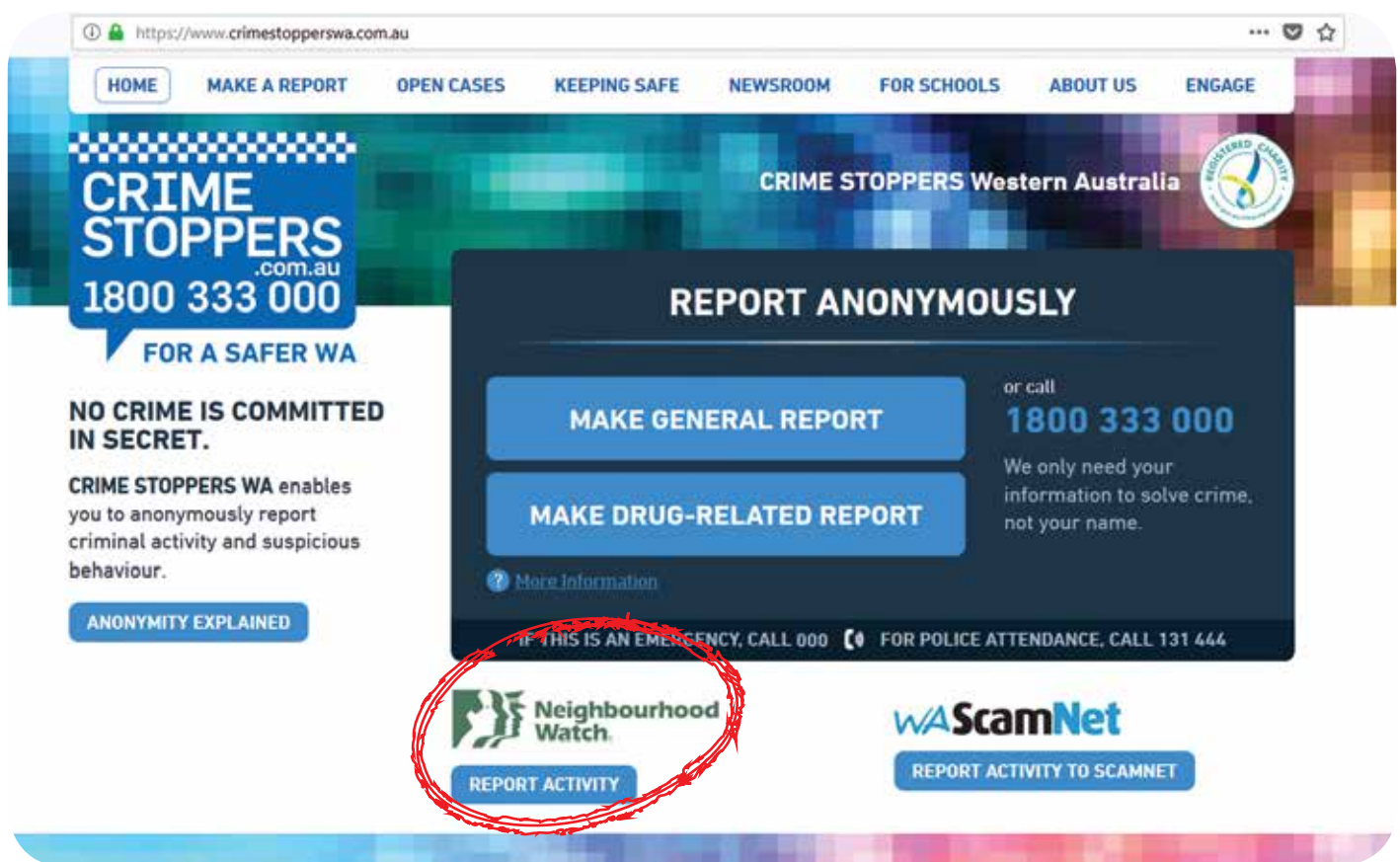
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Let's work together to help prevent crime and keep our communities safe.

NHW WA Online Reporting with Crime Stoppers WA



Crime Stoppers WA website.

One of the core functions for the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in WA back in 1982, was to provide an avenue for WA Police to gather information from the community about suspicious or criminal activity.

Information was shared between NHW volunteers and the WA Police Force through formal, regular meetings.

In 2015, NHW worked with Crime Stoppers WA to set up a mechanism for NHW participants and volunteers to identify their involvement in the NHW

program when they make a report on the Crime Stoppers WA website.

The NHW program now has a mode of accurately measuring NHW specific reports made to Crime Stoppers.

For the first four months of 2017 (Jan – April) a total of 994 reports have been received at Crime Stoppers via online reporting who have identified themselves as participants in the NHW program.

The average number of NHW identified monthly contacts to Crime Stoppers is 34 (just over one a day).

Out of the 994 calls to date, 814 have been converted into incident reports. This equates to a conversion rate of 81%. In summary, 81% of the information reported by an identified NHW participant is quality information that results in an incident report being developed and actioned by WA Police Force.

For the NHW program this is invaluable information as we move into an evidence based environment.

Neighbourhood Watch Promotion at City Of Melville Events



City of Melville NHW volunteers.



The Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) team plays an important role at the City of Melville and is included formally as part of the City's 2017 – 2021 Safer Melville Plan which collectively builds and supports a Safer Melville.

Crime prevention is all about encouraging and fostering stakeholder cooperation and creating a collective approach as a community that is dedicated to improving the overall feeling of safety in the City's neighbourhoods.

Each year the NHW looks for the most efficient ways to promote its principles within the City of Melville by participating in an annual planning workshop. The group actively participate in City organised events to provide an important information point for the wider community. Issues like crime and perception, enhancing effective communication, building a safer community by developing strong community spirit of belonging and mutual support are addressed.

The NHW team supports the Safer Melville Plan by promoting the following key messages:

- Get to know your neighbours – look out for each other and each other's property



Resources distributed by volunteers at information stalls and events.

- Report suspicious behaviour to police on 131 444
- Take simple precautions to protect your home, vehicles and personal property to avoid being a target
- Connect to your local police and the City on social media and through ewatch – connected communities are safe communities.

Throughout the year, the City of Melville organises several free entertainment events for the general public. The most popular events among these are the Point Walter Concert and the Limestone Concert series. The NHW volunteers also identify and connect with events in their local areas such as farmers

markets, makers markets and school fetes.

At each event, a NHW stall is manned by the NHW team of volunteers. In addition to NHW promotional material, fresh fruit and water are also provided free to the community. The volunteers are supported at these events by the City's Community Safety Service Officers. In the 2017/18 financial year the volunteers attended and manned 18 information stalls. In this twelve month period they also signed 110 people up to receive the ewatch newsletter. The NHW volunteers also recently secured grant funding and purchased merchandise items such as activity books, erasers, pencils and rulers for children.

Missing Youth Forum: *educate, support, prevent*



AFP Commissioner Andrew Colvin and Sassoon Simonion, Brother of long term missing persons Sevak Simonian with the 30+ ACT school students who attended the Missing Youth Forum.

This year the AFP National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC) built on its mandate of reducing the incidence and impact of missing persons in Australia by hosting the 'Missing Youth Forum: educate, support, prevent' to coincide with International Missing Children's Day on Friday 25 May 2018.

The forum saw 30 year 6 students from a range of local Canberra schools attend the Australian Institute of Sports to learn more about missing persons and the alarming statistics regarding missing youth in Australia.

Did you know?

Recent research conducted by the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) indicates that:

38,000 missing persons reports are made to Australian police each year. **Three in five** of those reports related to a young person under the age of 18, with **86%** located within a week.

- Those likely to go missing, with a rate six times higher than the general population, are youth aged between the ages of 13 and 17.

The forum, opened by AFP Commissioner Colvin, focussed on physical and cyber safety, emotional intelligence, mental health and support services with session facilitated by Kids Helpline, Headspace, ThinkUKnow and Sassoon Simonian whose brother, Sevak, has been missing since 2014.

Ensuring primary school students are familiar with services they can utilise and options available to them as they approach their teenage years, where they become statistically high-risk of going missing, is crucial to reducing the incidence of youth going missing in Australia.

ThinkUKnow 2018 Presentations Underway!



ThinkUKnow 2018 presentations are underway, with the Australian Federal Police's (AFP) national training rollout commencing earlier this year.

Throughout February and March, members from the AFP's Online Child Safety team travelled to each Australian capital city, as well as regional areas including Groote Eylandt, Rockhampton, Cairns, Port Augusta, Ballart, Kalgoorlie and Karratha to train volunteers and law enforcement presenters in the 2018 ThinkUKnow presentation packages.

This included a sessions for parents, carers and teachers, as well as a session which covered presentations for students in Kindergarten (Prep, Foundation) – Year 12.

Training sessions in capital cities included guest speakers from the AFP Joint Anti-child Exploitation Teams who provided case studies and further context around the trends and issues they are seeing in the online exploitation of children.

A representative from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner also spoke about the role of the Office, cyberbullying and image-based abuse.

What is ThinkUKnow?

ThinkUKnow is Australia's only law enforcement led online safety program.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Microsoft Australia and Datacom, and is delivered in collaboration with



AFP Online Child Safety Team member Clint Bopping delivering a session in Canberra.

all state and territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

ThinkUKnow provides educational presentations to parents, carers and teachers, and young people.

Trained volunteers from industry partners and law enforcement deliver presentations to educate parents, carers and teachers on the technology young people use, the challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome.

Using real police case studies from the AFP Child Protection Assessment Centre, program resources are updated annually in line with trends, issues and research to ensure the program continues to be relevant to Australian audiences and emerging threats.

Are you interested in becoming a ThinkUKnow volunteer?

As a ThinkUKnow online safety program delivery partner,

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia has been involved in the ThinkUKnow online safety program for the past five years.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia members are eligible to become ThinkUKnow volunteers and provide online safety presentations to parents, carers and teachers, alongside law enforcement.

Volunteering for ThinkUKnow is a great way to meet new people, learn about technology and improve your public speaking skills.

Volunteers receive annual presentation training and are asked to commit to delivering a minimum of three presentations a year, at times and locations convenient to you.

If volunteering for ThinkUKnow sounds like something you're interested in, contact admin@nhwa.com.au and register your interest!



AFP Online Child Safety Team member Simone McKeough delivering a session in Perth.



Graham Higgerson, Neighbourhood Watch member and ThinkUKnow Volunteer of the Year 2017.

ThinkUKnow Volunteer of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Victorian Neighbourhood Watch member Graham Higgerson who was one of six volunteers awarded the 2017 ThinkUKnow Volunteer of the Year Awards as part of International Volunteer Day.

Graham delivered more than 20 online safety presentations in his community in 2017, the highest number of presentations delivered by the ThinkUKnow network of trained volunteers nationwide. He is one of the longest serving volunteers and his experience means he can and often does present without a law enforcement co-presenter.

Further Information

If you would like to know more about the program or download resources, please visit our website <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>.



AFP Online Child Safety Team member Rachel Purdy delivering a session in Port Augusta.



INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

NWN ENGLAND AND WALES



NWN's distinctive yellow roundel is a well-recognised brand across England and Wales.



David Huse, OBE, Chair of NWN.



NWN has forged successful partnerships including one with leading UK security company ERA Total Security.



NWN Trustees have consulted widely with members and partners to produce the new three-year Strategy.



Seminar delegates offered practical input to the draft Strategy.



NWN recently hosted six regional seminars to consult members from across England and Wales.

New Chair of NWN England and Wales Shares his Vision

The Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN) in England and Wales was formed in 1984 and today have a network of 2.4 million member households. Our operating model is very similar to your own. Our Watch Areas are aligned geographically to each Police Force/London borough areas. We operate a federated structure. Each area has its own governance structure and communication system with street co-ordinators managing individual

members to crime prevention needs relevant to where they live. We have a small, national staff support team lead by our CEO that deliver programmes across all our Watch Areas.

We are just about to embark on a transformation journey. A lot of the systems and processes that have stood us in good stead in the past need updating and we need to introduce some new ones. We have spent the last 6 months engaging

our members and other stakeholders in consultation around a new three-year *Strategy* and next month, after our AGM, we will start to deliver on it.

As the new Chair some of the things that I am personally excited about include a new impact model, better use of technology and starting to enrol some new members. As we do this work we want to share our learning and also bring on board best practice from other countries.



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TWEED HEADS
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CHILDREN'S WARD

Saturday 25 August 2018

6:00pm for 6:30pm, (Ball closes 12am)

Venue: Seagulls Club Auditorium,
Gollan Drive, Tweed Heads West.

Tickets: \$100 includes three (3) course meal, welcome drink,
two bottles of wine on the table. Entertainment by QPS
Band of Blue. Come along have a great night dancing with
lots of prizes, raffles and auctions.

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NHWA PARTNERS UP WITH STREETSMART HANDBOOKS!

NHWA is proud to endorse the Streetsmart Handbook.

Since 2002, the Streetsmart Handbook has been delivered to teenagers in secondary schools with the aim of helping educate our youth in important, relevant topics as they transition into adulthood.

NHWA's partnership with the Streetsmart Handbooks will assist teenagers with issues such as cyber bullying, depression, social behaviour in the community, dangers of drugs/alcohol and much more. It will also engage our brand and goals in creating a safe, connected and inclusive community, where people feel empowered, informed and engaged with one another and with local police. The Streetsmart Handbook will not only benefit teenagers but will also give their families guidance towards various places, organisations and contacts whenever they need assistance.

This is an exciting venture for NHWA!

If you would like more information about the street smarthandbook please visit

www.smarthandbooks.com.au