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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 within communities right across Australia and New Zealand.

Let's take a look at what's happening over the next few months.



## Neighbourhood Watch WEEK

13-20 November 2019

**NHW WEEK 2019 will be bigger and better than ever!**

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) and Bunnings have partnered for a combined Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) WEEK and Crime Prevention Week.

The combined NHW WEEK / Crime Prevention Week will be of benefit to all NHW jurisdictions and Bunnings across Australia and New Zealand due to the media, awareness and activities planned for the week.

Discuss with your NHW group what would work best with your local Bunnings store and lock it in!

For additional information email [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au)

Let us know what great events you have planned and send us lots of photos and stories. More information page 6.

## NHWA Volunteer and Policing Awards

**2019 NHWA Awards Nominations Now Open!**

The NHWA annual awards recognise the great work and commitment of our Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support Volunteers and Police across Australia and New Zealand.

We are seeking award nominations to acknowledge the outstanding individuals in your community for their work and dedication in making your neighbourhood a safer, connected and inclusive place to live.

**The awards are:**

- **'NHWA 2019 Malcolm Grant OAM Volunteer of the Year Award'**  
– nominate an outstanding NHW Volunteer community member
- **'NHWA 2019 Police Commissioner's Award'**  
– nominate a Police employee who has made a significant contribution to NHW

More information page 7, and to download nomination forms go to: [www.nhwa.com.au/newsmedia/awards/](http://www.nhwa.com.au/newsmedia/awards/)

## Community Capacity Program UQ Survey



Peter Verbakel from NHW Kumbia Rural group completing the UQ survey



Dr Renee Zahnow, Criminology Lecturer, University of Queensland

During June and July the University of Queensland (UQ) has been conducting a survey of Neighbourhood Watch Queensland members.

Dr Renee Zahnow, Criminology Lecturer, University of Queensland, said "We received over 1,200 responses from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland members, which is a great outcome.

"There was a good representation of members from across Queensland. We have responses from people in north Queensland as well as South-East region."

The survey is to better understand how the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) program shapes residents' attitudes, perceptions and behaviours specific to crime and disorder by evaluating the influence of NHW across communities.

The survey assesses perceptions, attitudes and behavioural differences between residents involved in NHW compared to those who are not involved in NHW. The survey will help determine the impact of NHW on shaping resident attitudes and capacities around crime prevention, specifically the effectiveness of NHW programs in reducing the fear of crime in communities.

## Reporting Training Project

The purpose of producing a Reporting Training series is to upskill the reporting methods of NHW groups, volunteers and members within the community to ensure the best possible outcomes from reports given to crime prevention and law enforcement agencies.

The 'Reporting' project will also incorporate the development of a reporting training course to be delivered online.



## NHW International Conference

**Woohoo this is Very exciting news... NHWA will be hosting the first ever NHW International Conference, scheduled for 2020!**

The conference will bring together NHW volunteers, members, police and other law enforcement agencies to engage and be part of this major national and international crime prevention initiative. Stay tuned, more information will be shared shortly.

## NHW Community Service Announcements are coming!

NHWA is working in conjunction with national and local television broadcast organisations to initiate a combination of Community Service Announcements (CSAs) promoting the benefits of joining NHW.

The objective is to help create safer communities through crime prevention initiatives, reporting crime and suspicious behaviour and strengthening collective efficacy, as well as create additional public awareness of local NHW programs.

## Youth Engagement Program

**Junior Neighbourhood Watch program is underway.**

NHWA is partnering with selected primary schools to conduct a pilot program to engage with youths through NHW groups and Police to help reduce antisocial behaviour.

The program will be aimed at middle primary school children 10 to 12 years of age. The program will be developed in modules so that once the pilot is fully completed the modules can be customised to suit the individual requirements of schools in other locations.

## Children Come to School program for three Queensland Communities



NHWA Project Coordinator Anne Collishaw, Bwgcolman Community School Principal Beresford Domic and members of the Remote School Attendance Scheme team

The Children Come to School program was initially developed in conjunction with the Gunbalanya Community in Arnhem Land Northern Territory and will now be co-designed and customised for three Queensland schools at Palm Island near Townsville, Mt Isa and Cherbourg.

NHWA is working with Principals Tess Fong St Michael's Catholic School and Beresford Domic Bwgcolman



Officer in Charge, Palm Island Station Dave Rutherford, St Michael's Catholic School Principal Tess Fong with NHWA CEO Maria Bennett

Community School, Palm Island Police and community members to produce and deliver the Children Come to School program resources.

The 'Children Come to School' resources are all focussed on the same message, *getting more children to school.*

## Neighbourhood Support NZ Conference



Snr Sgt Joanna Stone QPS, NHWA CEO Maria Bennett, NSNZ Chair Louise Grevel, NSNZ CEO Tess Casey, Insp Les Bulluss QPS, Snr Const Bryan Ward NZ Police

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand (NSNZ) conference held early July. Two fabulous days of presentations and workshops. It was great to see the initiatives being implemented in NZ and the cohesion between NS and NZ Police, working together to bring about impressive outcomes in the area of crime prevention and social cohesion in local communities.

I look forward to celebrating NHW WEEK with you on 13 to 20 November 2019.

**Together we achieve great things!  
Neighbourhood Watch – the Power of Many!**

*Maria Bennett*

**Maria Bennett**  
Chief Executive Officer  
NHW Australasia

**Let's take action.  
Let's take ownership.  
Number 1 Let's Stay Safe.**



# BOARD DIRECTORS & STAFF



## **Bernie Durkin – Chairman, 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 Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

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## **Margaret Pearson – Company Secretary**

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 and is currently 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 Company Secretary of NHWA.

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## **Clare McGrath – Australian Capital Territory**

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.

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## **Cheryl Cartwright – Independent Director**

Cheryl is a non-executive director and also provides strategic advice for a select group of companies. She has experience as an industry association CEO, a Cabinet Minister's Chief of Staff and as a senior journalist in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, where she worked for print, radio and television. Cheryl's experience includes: politics and bureaucracy, communication, social license challenges, business culture, stakeholder relations, public perceptions and planning for the future.

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## **Dr Carlene Mahoney – New South Wales**

Dr Carlene Mahoney is a Detective Chief Inspector within the NSW 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.



### **Les Bulluss – Queensland**

Les joined the Queensland Police Service 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 2011 Les was promoted to Inspector and in 2013 was appointed to his current role as Manager, Community Programs and Engagement, Community Contact Command.



### **Peter Edwards BM APM – Tasmania**

BM APM Peter Edwards is a former Commander in the Tasmanian 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. Peter is currently a Board member of Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania.



### **Maria Bennett – Chief Executive Officer**

Maria has extensive knowledge, management skills and leadership experience in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining NHWA Maria had a successful career in corporate sales and marketing roles. Previous management roles 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.



### **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.



# Neighbourhood Watch WEEK

## 13-20 November 2019

### NHW and Bunnings combines forces on crime

**Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) and Bunnings have partnered for a combined Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) WEEK and Crime Prevention Week.**

NHW WEEK has a long history of being a successful week of showcasing NHW and crime prevention initiatives to the community.

Maria Bennett NHWA Chief Executive Officer said "Partnering with Bunnings nationally will reinforce the already successful Neighbourhood Watch WEEK program and bring a combined focus on the week, incorporating Neighbourhood Watch, Police, Police Citizens Youth Clubs, community groups and other crime prevention agencies".

Neighbourhood Watch 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.

**Debbie Poole, Bunnings' Chief Operating Officer, said "We are excited to be working alongside Neighbourhood Watch and supporting the amazing work of our local police authorities in the community".**

**"We can also help to educate customers on improving the safety of their home and belongings as we have significantly expanded our offer of security products to include easy DIY install, automated, transportable and fixed security products perfect for home owners and renters" Ms Poole said.**

**Neighbourhood Watch groups are invited to book activities with their local Bunnings stores as part**

**of NHW WEEK/Crime Prevention Week, suggested activities include:**

- BBQ/Fundraisers
- One-way number plate security screws
- Tool engraving or UV property marking
- Home security information
- Crime prevention information sharing

Kate Wood Loss Prevention Campaign Coordinator for Bunnings Group Limited said "We are pleased to announce that Neighbourhood Watch Australasia are partnering with Bunnings for Crime Prevention Week 13th to 20th November".

All Bunnings locations in Australia (295) and New Zealand (50) will be participating.

**Each NHW group is to contact your local Bunnings store to book suitable days for your activities as soon as possible. Bunnings stores have been advised and will be waiting to hear from NHW groups wanting to participate.**

Maria Bennett NHWA CEO said "As the peak body for Neighbourhood Watch I see this positive messaging, promotion and advocacy of the Neighbourhood Watch organisation as a fundamental part of our role. We will continue to promote Neighbourhood Watch at every opportunity".

"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 and Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand" Ms Bennett said.

Email [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au) with your events, photos and stories.





# NHWA 2019 Volunteer and Policing Awards Now Open!

## • Volunteer of The Year Award • Police Commissioner's Award

The Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) annual awards acknowledge those individuals making a significant contribution at a local level in Neighbourhood Watch groups in Australia and Neighbourhood Support groups in New Zealand.

There are many selfless people who, through their actions, have positively impacted the lives of others and their community through their enthusiasm, time and commitment.

**The 'Volunteer of The Year Award' and the 'Police Commissioner's Award' acknowledges everyday people doing extraordinary things within their local communities.**

Each year NHWA recognises the work and tireless commitment of many dedicated people advancing the cause of Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support through crime prevention initiatives, social inclusion and community engagement.

### 2018 Award Recipients



NHWA 2018 Malcolm Grant OAM Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Mrs Wendy Walker, Queensland



NHWA 2018 Police Commissioner's Award recipient Senior Constable Ian Edwards, Tasmania

### 2019 Award Nominations are Now Open

Now it's your turn. Take the time to recognise a community minded individual who has qualities you would like to see acknowledged by your community and all Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support communities.

The 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 now open and will close on 30 September 2019.

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



**For further information check out the website: [www.nhwa.com.au/newsmedia/awards/](http://www.nhwa.com.au/newsmedia/awards/) email [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au)**

# Your chance to become a Digital Mentor and train older Australians. Sign up today!



**Australian Government**

## Be Connected

Every Australian online.

### Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) is now a Be Connected Network partner.

Be Connected is a free Australian Government initiative aimed at increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians when they use the internet and everyday technology.

Older Australians will be able to learn the basics of going online, including:

- Being safe while online
- Talking to or seeing family and friends who live far away, more often
- Finding new friends or old friends who share similar interests and hobbies
- Keeping up-to-date with what's happening in their community and around the world
- Shopping online, safely and securely, without leaving home

**Older Australians with low internet skills can often feel isolated from their community and family at a time in their lives when feeling connected is increasingly important.**

**NHWA as a 'Be Connected' partner aims to help change that through a community centred approach.**



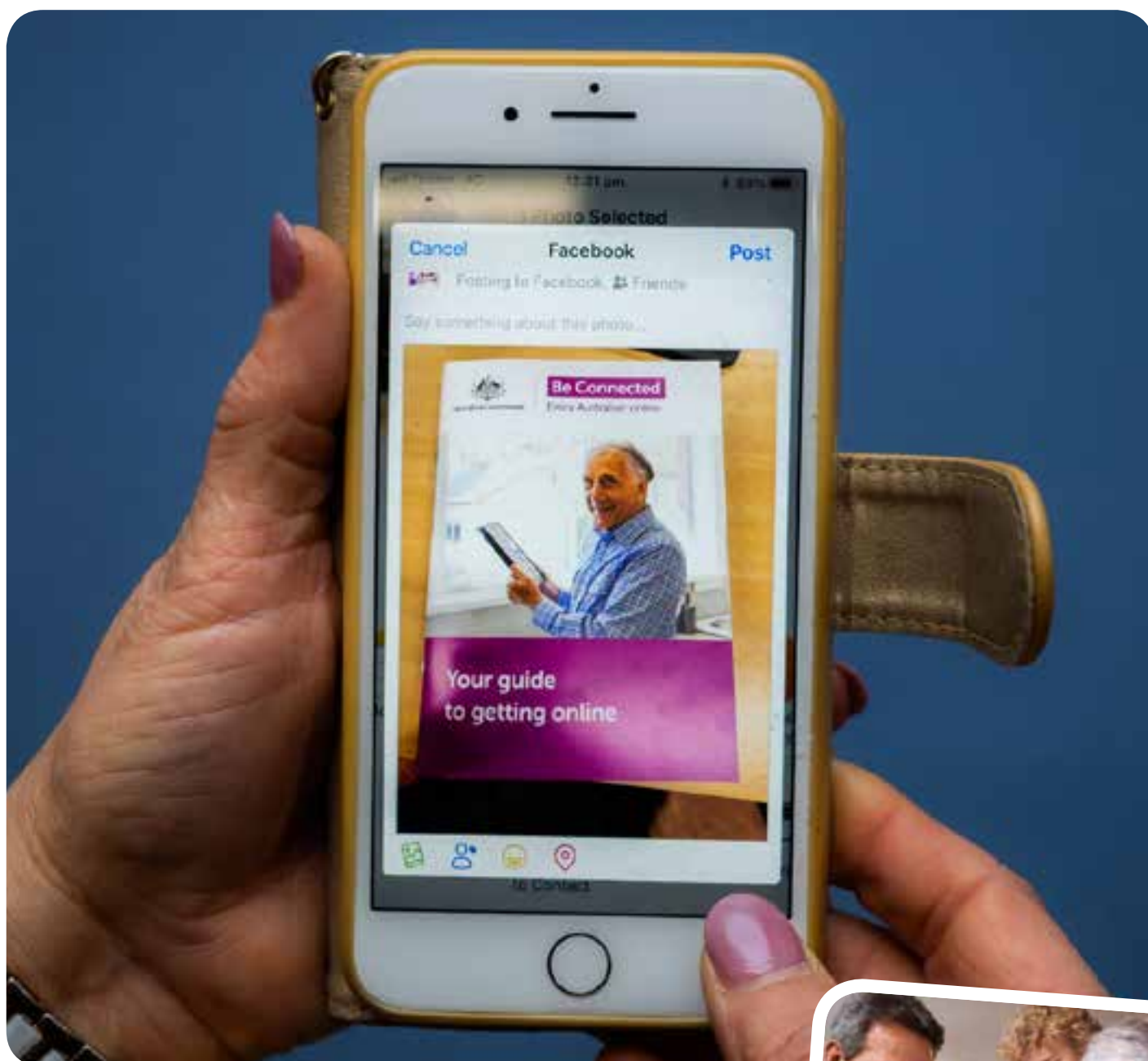
**The program will help older Australians to realise the value of being connected online and provide access to appropriate training and support in a safe and familiar environment.**

This course will be offered free of charge to:

- Anyone who would like to train older Australians to learn basic computer skills

- Older Australians who have low or no engagement with digital technology
- Families, peers and influencers of older Australians who lack the skills and confidence to go online
- Community organisations that are committed to digital inclusion and supporting older Australians bridge the digital divide





**The course will be presented as a train the trainer package. We are looking to recruit and train 100 Digital Mentors who will then be fully equipped to go out into the community to train our older Australians.**

**All training, resources and support will be provided free of charge. A great opportunity for all NHW members!**

The first courses will be held in the South East Queensland area in September 2019 (exact dates to be advised). Training for all other States and Territories will also be available.

**If you are interested in attending a one day training course to become a Digital Mentor, please contact the NHWA office to register your interest.**

Email: [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au)  
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**There's never been a better time to get online.**

Discover how being online can add new skills and experiences to your life.

## Good Neighbour Award 2019



NHW ACT President Margaret Pearson, Mick Dando, Margaret Dando, ACT Policing Detective Superintendent Jason Kennedy

Each year ACT Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) honour a resident of the ACT with the Good Neighbour Award, and this year the award goes to Margaret and Mick Dando from Ainslie.

The award is granted to a nominee for making a positive difference to their neighbourhood; making a special effort towards people around them; offering to assist in practical or special ways or for volunteering or supporting the local community.

Margaret and Mick were nominated by their neighbour and Executive Director of Anglicare Australia, Kasy Chambers who couldn't speak highly enough of the pair.

"They are wonderful neighbours to those in the street. They pick up parcels, meet tradies, have a

chat, keep people in touch with each other, watch your house when you are away, the list goes on.

"They are also strong believers in the importance of a neighbourhood and local community and delight in living in a street with a mixture of older, younger and working residents" Ms Chambers said.

"Upon noticing a number of elderly people walking in our street they put a park bench style seat outside their house. The seat has become used by many in the neighbourhood.

"Children on their way home from school, people wanting a chat and most importantly one elderly lady has now been able to extend her walk by double and reach the Dickson duck pond with her little dog because there is somewhere to rest on the way. This alone extended her health and enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Mick is usually on hand to augment the seat with a chat when people call by and others in the street (me!) have put in our own seats as light-hearted competition.





**NHW ACT Vice President Clare McGrath, Ian McLean, NHW ACT President Margaret Pearson, Carol Vincent, Executive Director of Anglicare Australia Kasy Chambers, NHW ACT Treasurer Laurie Blackall, Mick and Margaret Dando, Glen Dando, NHW ACT Vice President South Albert Orszaczky and Detective Superintendent Jason Kennedy**

"Marg and Mick make our street a neighbourhood."

President of NHW ACT Margaret Pearson presented the award on Monday (25 March) to the pair who were visibly humbled by the recognition.

"Thank you very much, it's really something we didn't expect and we do appreciate it" Mrs Dando said.

ACT Policing's Detective Superintendent Jason Kennedy was very proud to congratulate Margaret who has been a Police Volunteer for the last 15 years, and is also a Justice of the Peace. He also noted her dedication to the force after she had no hesitation turning up to her front office shift on her 85th birthday.

"I took Margaret to the recruit's lunch and told them they should

never complain about doing a front office shift again.

"Margaret always has a smile on her face and gives a hug when it's needed. We really couldn't do without her and this award is very much deserved for her and Mick" Detective Superintendent Kennedy said.

For more information on how you can make your neighbourhood a better place, visit [nhwact.com.au](http://nhwact.com.au).

## Seniors Week Expo 2019

The ACT Seniors Week Expo was held in the scenic Exhibition park in Canberra. The Expo brings together more than 120 exhibitors to provide information on aged care, retirement, finance, legal, home help and modifications, health and leisure, travel, community and government services, special interest and social groups.

Neighbourhood Watch ACT (NHW ACT) vice president Clare McGrath said it was a fantastic day speaking to the public about the advantages of joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Group or starting one in your street. AFP 1st Constable Warren Jones provided support for the NHW ACT morning crew at the Expo.



**From L to R - AFP 1st Constable Warren Jones, Vice President NHW ACT Clare McGrath, V.P. South Albert Orszaczky, and Casey NHW's Laurie Blackall**

# Multicultural brochures for Canberra's migrant community

Neighbourhood Watch ACT (NHW ACT) was one of nine not-for-profit groups in the ACT that was awarded funding at the 20th anniversary IMB Bank Community Foundation (ICF) launch event at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra on Thursday 20 June 2019.

The funds that were generously donated by the ICF will be used to produce and translate 5 Diagrammatic brochures into 5 different languages including Arabic, Hazaragi, Dinka, Mandarin and Burmese for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) members of the community on the following topics:

Protect Your Home, Protect Your Car, Protect Yourself, Be Safe and Secure and Be a Good Neighbour. These brochures will be created, printed and distributed by Neighbourhood Watch ACT to Refugee and Humanitarian Settlement, Migrant Support agencies and community stakeholders and partners like the Red Cross.

President of NHW ACT Mrs Margaret Pearson and the Vice President NHW ACT Mrs Clare McGrath were on hand to receive the award. Mrs Pearson said "The members of the NHW ACT Board were delighted to know that the ICF had allocated funds to our organisation. By making this grant available, Neighbourhood Watch will have the opportunity to promote safety and security among newcomers to this country and assist them with assimilation into the Australian community. It is pleasing to see so many diverse organisations being recognised by the Foundation and it was a great



**President of NHW ACT Mrs Margaret Pearson, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Project Coordinator Anne Collishaw and Vice President NHW ACT Mrs Clare McGrath receiving the award**

insight into the amazing amount of work being undertaken by various groups which is not always recognised by the community at large".

The IMB Bank and the IMB Bank Community Foundation are to be commended for their initiative and their contribution to the community.

Now in its 20th year, the ICF has donated over \$10 million to communities where IMB Bank operates in Sydney, Illawarra Southern Highlands, South Coast, Victoria and the ACT. In the ACT and surrounding regions, the ICF has supported over 100 projects with \$1 million of funding since it was established in 1999.

IMB Bank CEO Robert Ryan praised the 2019 recipients and thanked them for their dedication and determination to assist in the communities in which they live.

"As we mark 20 years of community funding, it is an honour to reflect on the partnerships we have formed with people and organisations in the community who dedicate their time and effort to creating a better life for others. The IMB Bank Community Foundation had a record-breaking number of projects apply for funding in 2019, its 20th year of operation.

"It is a real pleasure to be able to allocate funds to these organisations announced today, so they can continue to grow and develop their resources," he said.





Some of the participants and the rubbish collected during the clean up

Florey Neighbourhood Watch hosted its second Clean Up Florey Day on 3rd March 2019 to coincide with Clean Up Australia Day.



A tamper proof registration plate service was provided by Florey NHW members



Senior Constable Rebecca Graham, Area Coordinator Sharon Leigh-Hazell and Tara Cheyne, MLA

Many Florey residents, businesses and of course Florey NHW members participated in the neighbourhood clean up and we were once again grateful to ACT Policing and local members of the ACT Legislative Assembly for their support. Florey

NHW also provided a sausage sizzle, NHW information table and a tamper proof registration plate service.

Participants worked hard to collect a huge amount of rubbish from around Florey—a lot from behind back fences, along the major roads, laneways and

nature areas. We were very concerned that a box of used syringes was found discarded on one of our major roads opposite Florey Primary School. Florey NHW later focussed articles in its newsletter and Facebook about what to do if used syringes are found.





Colin with Snr Cst Hany Botros from Youth & Crime Prevention Command's Community Awareness Unit

## Building a Better Future

He might have had a tough time at school, but thanks to the support Colin received at PCYC, he's on the road to a successful career.

The 16-year-old, who took part in the FitforWork program at Penrith PCYC – where he has been a member since he was in Year 8 – is currently working in the PCYC NSW's HR team after spending time with the Finance team.

Colin, who admits to being suspended from school on several occasions, said his mother's intervention to help him get back on track by finding him short courses was a great start – but didn't help him gain employment.

"My coach there put me onto PCYC's FitforWork after I finished all of their modules. I was a bit hesitant but thought I'd give it a go" he said.

"I'm glad I did. FitforWork was different because it was a lot more practical, and because we were at a PCYC we had access to the gym and other activities. Plus they gave us lunch every day" he said.

Colin added that through the program, he learnt valuable skills such as budgeting, first aid and work site safety.

"Being involved in PCYC's FitforWork has taught me a lot – about the workforce and life. It was good to spend time with police. People sometimes stereotype cops as bad, but spending time with them at PCYC made me see they weren't. They were actually pretty chill.

"It's the atmosphere at PCYC that makes the difference. If you're at PCYC it's making your life better, and you're with other people who are trying to make their life better. It's a good feeling.

"I've finished the FitforWork course now and I'm proud to say I have a job at PCYC in the Finance team, helping with accounts payable. It's pretty good. Everyone is very nice and welcoming."

With a bright future ahead, Colin has plans to gain more work experience and apply for a carpentry trade.

"It's a good feeling to look forward to your future."



# Boxing Ahead

Police weapons unit donate boxing equipment to get young people “Fit for Life”.



PCYC CEO Dominic Teakle (centre) talking with participants in Fit for Life



The NSW Police Force, Weapons & Training Unit at Wetherill Park supplied boxing gloves, focus pads and head protection gear to PCYC Wollongong

On Wednesday, 8 May 2019, the NSW Police Operational Safety and Skills Command attended PCYC Wollongong to gift colleagues in the Youth and Crime Prevention Command and the young people they support with a donation of boxing equipment.

This donation will go towards the NSW Police and PCYC NSW's Fit for Life program, which involves young people being picked up from home or they are dropped off at a PCYC early in the morning. They train alongside police officers, PCYC staff, community leaders, mentors and volunteers, before having a healthy breakfast together and being driven to school.

Fit for Life encourages young people to get active in life, develop relationships with police and PCYC NSW, and attend school.

“PCYC NSW was built on a foundation of collaboration and it is heartening to see partnerships continuing to thrive to empower young people into the future,” said Dominic Teakle, CEO, PCYC NSW.

“We are better together and this donation is a testament to this.

It is amazing to have the NSW Police Wetherill Park Weapons Unit supporting our Youth and Crime Prevention Command's efforts to redirect young people from crime and towards education and employment.”

The Wetherill Park Weapons Unit has donated a number of sets of; boxing gloves, focus pads, and head gear to the Fit for Life program.

Detective Superintendent Andrew Koutsoufis of the NSW Police Force Education and Training, Operational Safety and Skills Command, said officers from the Wetherill Park Weapons Unit are proud to support their colleagues and the local community by donating this equipment.

“Maintaining physical fitness is essential for our frontline police and a love of boxing is one our officers share with these young people in the community” Det Supt Koutsoufis said.

“We hope this equipment will help officers and PCYC staff continue to teach our kids to look after their physical and mental health and

encourage them to participate in and learn a new skill.”

This donation was welcomed by the Youth and Crime Prevention Command who are already seeing results from Fit for Life programs across NSW, with increased school attendance, improved health and wellbeing and improved behaviour at school and in the community.

Superintendent Mark Wall of the NSW Police Force Youth and Crime Prevention Command said “There is no greater reward for police than to see young people succeed.”

“Our officers, together with the PCYC, work extremely hard to engage with young people in our local communities to provide them with learning and development opportunities” Supt Wall said.

“We look forward to seeing the young people of Wollongong join us as this term's Fit for Work program kicks off and perhaps putting on the gloves for a boxing session.”

For more information on the Fit for Life program visit [www.riseup.org.au](http://www.riseup.org.au)

# Welcome NHW NSW Inc

In 1984 just one year after the formation of Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria the New South Wales Police Force saw the results of that first year, as well as the value of community-based policing and had the foresight to form Neighbourhood Watch in New South Wales.

35 years later in 2019 with a brand that is easily recognised state wide and an organisation that has seen 500% growth over the last five years, a meeting was held to decide how to best continue into the next 35 years. On 26th April 2019 after an 8-hour meeting and a great deal of passion and commitment Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Incorporated was formed. The mission of this group is to be a centralised State Body that can bring all the NHW groups in NSW together and work together, share ideas and help each other and the brand to grow.

There was also the election of a formation board to help with the launch of NHW NSW until a State AGM can be held later in 2019.

Congratulations go to the following formation Board Members.

State President: Mr Bill Hackney

Sydney Metropolitan Vice President  
Mr Philip Brown

Rural Vice President Mr Wayne  
Deaner

Secretary/Treasurer Mr David  
Watmore

Ordinary Board Member Mrs Julia  
Eagles.

When asked how Neighbourhood Watch New South Wales Incorporated would benefit all NHW groups in NSW State President Mr Bill Hackney responded, "There is a need for NHW groups to work together and support each other and to assist the new groups that are forming."



**Left to right Front Row: Philip Brown – NHW NSW Vice President, Linda Watts – Willoughby NHW, Pasquale Vartuli – NHW NSW General Committee, Julia Eagles – NHW NSW General Committee, David Watmore – NHW NSW Secretary Treasurer, Bill Hackney – NHW NSW President. Back Row: David Strickland – Willoughby NHW, Wayne Deaner – NHW NSW Vice President**

He then went on to say, "This will allow us to create a comprehensive database of all groups, this will have a strengthening effect as well as raising awareness that the number 1 community crime prevention organisation in NSW over the last 35 years is still going strong and moving towards the future."

"We are excited by this development and look forward to the coming improvements."

New South Wales is the only state that did not have a state body for Neighbourhood Watch and while the NSW Police Force has been a fantastic caretaker, with more and more demands being placed on their resources, it's time for the state body to invest the time and effort in strengthening and the development of the next phase of NHW in NSW.

When Rural Vice President Mr Wayne Deaner was asked about the future of NHW in NSW his response was, "The formation of NHW NSW INC is a step in the right direction and an extremely positive step for NSW."

Another benefit of having a state office is that when we have corporate sponsorship and some state funding, the state office will be able to provide basic promotional materials to all its members at no cost, which will bring NSW in line with all the other states.

State President Bill Hackney spent some time in Victoria observing how NHW VIC INC operate. This has helped with the smooth introduction of NHW NSW INC and he and the board are very appreciative of the assistance and support that has been shown to NHW NSW INC by Victoria especially, as well as other states.

The next step is a roll call of all NHW groups in NSW so that a NHW contact database can be created to bring all groups under the state umbrella. Can all NHW Groups in NSW please contact NHW NSW INC at [nswnhw@outlook.com](mailto:nswnhw@outlook.com) so that we can help your community stay safe?

Remember, being part of NHW puts U in the middle of your commUnity.



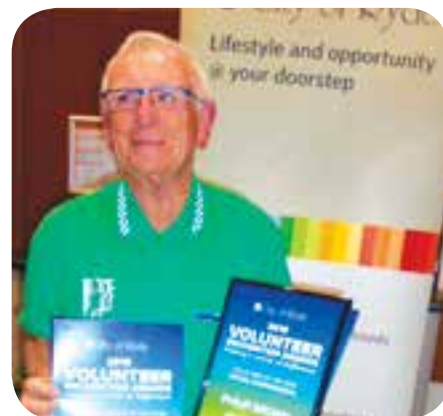
# Ryde District NHW Time to Shine



Ryde District NHW volunteers with City of Ryde's Mayor Mr Jerome Laxale

Ryde District NHW Group volunteers celebrated their nomination at the City of Ryde Group Volunteer Award ceremony with the Mayor Jerome Laxale and the other volunteer

nominees. Ryde District NHW really made a splash of colour on the night in their green NHW shirts. NHW co-ordinator Mr Philip Brown was highly commended in the individual



Ryde District NHW Co-ordinator Mr Philip Brown receiving his award at the Award Ceremony

Volunteer Award category for his NHW leadership and community involvement in expanding NHW across Eastwood and Ryde Districts. Congratulations to Philip and the award recipients.

## Ulladulla NHW goes to School



Andre from NHW Ulladulla distributing Streetsmart Handbooks

Local Ulladulla Neighbourhood Watch representatives Andre and Tina visited the Ulladulla High School to hand out the



Students from Ulladulla High School receiving their Streetsmart Handbooks and the NHW Journal from Andre and Tina

NSW Streetsmart Handbook to students. The NSW Streetsmart Handbook is produced in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

**Right: Tina from NHW Ulladulla handing out NSW Streetsmart Handbooks to the students**



# NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

NEW ZEALAND



Assistant Commissioner Sandra Venables, NSNZ CEO Tess Casey & Minister of Police Stuart Nash

## A Familiar Face In Kiwi Neighbourhoods Gets A Big Makeover

Neighbourhood Support New Zealand is ushering in a new chapter with the launch of a new logo at their National Conference on July 1st and 2nd in Wellington.

An iconic part of Kiwi streets and neighbourhoods for the past two decades, Neighbourhood Support New Zealand is ushering in a new chapter with the launch of a fresh logo in July.

“There has been a lot of change since we first established ourselves as a

not-for-profit in the 90s. Our members felt that it was time to ensure the ‘face’ of Neighbourhood Support kept up with where we are headed as an organisation” says Louise Grevel, Chair for Neighbourhood Support New Zealand.

The new logo is a colourful update of the existing design. The latest design features a nod to the country’s emergency services partners, as well as a better representation of the neighbours, members and supporters who make up the growing organisation.



The updated logo also features a koru pattern which reflects the important place of taha Maori in Aotearoa New Zealand. The colours chosen symbolise Neighbourhood Support's vision of inclusive communities, where everyone is welcome and belongs while the blue colour represents their ongoing partnership with New Zealand Police.

"The bright colours reflect the positivity and energy that is created when people work together to create safer, caring and more connected communities" says Tess Casey, Neighbourhood Support NZ CEO.

"The rebrand is an exciting opportunity to better reflect the increasing number of people we support. Our feedback shows that New Zealanders want to be part of neighbourhoods where people know



**Hon. Stuart Nash, Minister of Police, delivering the opening address**

held at the James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel on July 1st and 2nd in Wellington.

event including Police from across New Zealand, special guests from Queensland Police Services, Inspector Les Bulluss and Senior Sergeant Joanna Stone, Maria Bennett - CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, and Police Minister Stuart Nash who presented the opening address.

Other highlights from the event included keynotes from Henare O'Keefe (Flaxmere Community Leader) and Blair Benefield (Ride Against Depression) and a closing address from Member of Parliament, Alfred Ngaro based in Te Atatu.

There were 8 workshops over the course of the two days participants could choose from to take part in with topics ranging from social media to fundraising and even conflict resolution. There were plenty of opportunities to bounce ideas around and of course 'connect' throughout the course of the conference with a strong emphasis on collaboration and networking.

In the words of Henare O'Keefe: "relationships are the real currency". CONNECT was a rich opportunity to remember the difference we can all make through the time we give and share with others.



**From L to R - The MC Senior Constable Bryan Ward, NSNZ Board Chair, Louise Grevel and Clare Steer of Pauanui Neighbourhood Support**

and support each other. Increasing numbers of people are reporting that they feel isolated or lonely, so knowing that you are a part of a neighbourhood that looks out for each other helps people feel safer and more connected."

The official unveiling of the new logo took place at Neighbourhood Support New Zealand's inaugural national conference - 'CONNECT',

CONNECT was a priceless opportunity to bring Neighbourhood Support New Zealand's members, volunteers, supporters, Police and other partners together under one roof to network, learn, and be inspired to create safer, more resilient and connected communities.

About 100 participants and speakers took part in this year's

## Children Come To School program for Arnhem Land



NHWA Chairman Bernie Durkin delivering the opening address.

### Children Come to School Program for Arnhem Land Communities

As part of the Remote and Vulnerable Communities project, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) co-designed and delivered the 'Children Come to School' program in Gunbalanya, Arnhem Land Northern Territory. NHWA CEO Maria Bennett and NHWA Chairman Bernie Durkin worked

in consultation with local key stakeholders including:

- Local NT Police, and Community Engagement Police Officer (CEPO) Paul Keightley
- Gunbalanya School Principal Sue Trimble, senior teacher Hira Morgan, and senior students
- Government Engagement Coordinator Tony O'Leary
- Indigenous Engagement Coordinator Donna Nadjamerrek
- Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet

- Aboriginal Community Police Officers (ACPOs) Damien Guyula, Frankie Elsegood and Anthony Baker
- Remote School Attendance Scheme team

The main issues effecting children and young people in the Community were identified as gambling, domestic violence, suicide, truancy, alcohol abuse, illicit drug use and petrol/ glue sniffing.



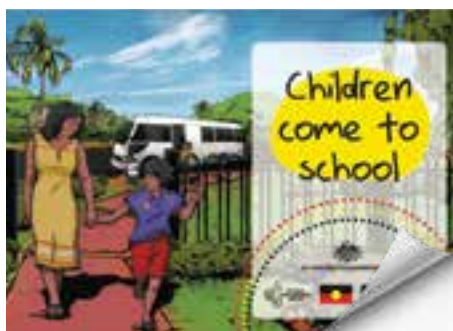


NT Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw, CEPO Paul Keightley, NHWA CEO Maria Bennett at Parliament House, Darwin

## Gunbalanya School from Birth to Year 12

It was agreed the best vehicle for making connections with children, young people and their families was through Gunbalanya Independent Public School which has:

- baby and preschool programs
- home visits to unengaged students
- school staff, elders and families of students connecting through hunting/fishing activities
- mobile classroom numeracy and literacy outreach program
- a Trade training centre and
- most importantly school attendance targets, which are regularly being reached



## School Attendance

The school has a Remote School Attendance Scheme (RSAS) team who work with the students to improve and maintain school attendance rates, engage and motivate the entire school community. The RSAS team and CEPO drive through every street in the community getting children onto the school bus.



Images from the Children Come to School resource books



Government Engagement Coordinator Tony O'Leary, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator Donna Nadjamerrek and Mr Terence Mills MLA, Member for Blain at Parliament House, Darwin

## Consultation Highlights New Approach

As a result of the program's consultation process NHTWA devised completely new resources specifically tailored to promote positive attitudes towards education.

The approach was co-designed through discussions and feedback from stakeholders. It was agreed that new resources were to include:

- Specific information about Indigenous schools in that region
- Positive imagery about Indigenous life
- An interactive format, so students can individualise their booklet
- Encouragement to all family members to value their child's school attendance
- A teacher resource page for tips on how to use the books
- Indigenous role models



Thongs for walking to school

## New Resources

The Children Come to School program consists of a presenters' guide, children's take home activity booklet, PowerPoint presentation, and support resources of large enamel mugs for food, and thongs for walking to and from school. All the materials focus on the same message - getting more children to school more often.



Enamel food mugs

Some features of the presenters' guide and children's take home booklet include:

1. Images with the look and feel of the Community and country
2. Children's take home booklets can be personalised
3. Positive school messages about learning, friends and fun
4. Support from parents and family - School attendance in the Communities is everybody's business





NHWA CEO Maria Bennett with Gunbalanya school students at the school launch



Excited children with family and teacher wearing the NHW green thongs

5. Messages about good food and health
6. Interactive discussion pages
7. How to access 000 and 131444
8. Building positive feelings and attitudes towards the Police

## Program Launch

The Children Come to School program was officially launched at Parliament House in Darwin where the NHWA Chairman Bernie Durkin, NHWA CEO Maria Bennett and CEPO Paul Keightley addressed the audience of local key stakeholders including Aboriginal Traditional Owners, Teachers, NT Police, Politicians, Neighbourhood Watch NT, community members and invited guests.

The local launch at the Gunbalanya School brought the message of the many benefits of education and coming to school every day. A BBQ was held for all the students, teachers, parents and community members saw much discussion and interest in the program.

## Program in Action

The books and the supporting resources are currently in use in Gunbalanya and other communities within Arnhem Land.

CEPO Paul Keightley said “The Children Come to School program fits in with and compliments several years of community and interagency collaboration to support increased generational change around attitudes toward education in the Gunbalanya community. By working with NHWA in Gunbalanya there has been a positive follow on effect around the importance of education and the links to youth issues, when education is not always seen as a priority”.

## Continuing Education and Benefits

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

NHWA is committed to this very important program and thanks all stakeholders for their enthusiasm and involvement over the long term.

## Armed Hold Up Training Day Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch



Senior Constable Adam Humphrys educating the NHW members and business owners how to protect themselves and their businesses

Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch held an armed hold-up training day on April the 9th encouraging business owners to be aware of what can be done in an armed hold-up situation.



The Event was hosted by Edith Blanck the president of Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch.

Representatives from Fair Trading Queensland, Crime Stoppers and the local Police spoke to business owners in detail about how they could protect themselves and their business. Topics included things like how to protect yourself online, why camera installation and camera maintenance is important, what rights business owners have when



Mrs Edith Blank from Bli Bli NHW presenting Senior Constable Adam Humphrys with a thank you gift for presenting at the seminar

purchasing from other businesses, the importance keeping calm in hold-up situations, how to report crime and they answered questions from the audience.

Business owners were also encouraged to stay a little longer for morning tea and meet local business owners.

Each representative was offered a cake as thanks for their time.



# Ipswich District Volunteers take Community Safety to new level

Volunteers across the Ipswich Police District from Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Stoppers and Volunteers in Policing, not only have Crime Prevention Skills but are taking their community safety skills to a new level, in learning CPR.

Over a three hour training session provided by the Queensland Ambulance Service the Volunteers were able to learn and obtain life saving skills in CPR and also the use of a defibrillator.

This was all made possible through the Ipswich District Neighbourhood Watch Committee with the assistance of Sergeant Nadine Webster being successful in obtaining a small grant through the Australian Government Community Grants Hub.



NHW members Michael McKew, Shallyn O'Keefe, Andrew Weir with Volunteer in Policing Amanda Addison and Instructor Malcolm Ball. With friends they have saved on the day!



Members for NHW across the Ipswich District putting theory into practice. You would hate to be a dummy in that class!

## Secure Disposal Day

The first Saturday in August last year was the date that this inaugural event was held on the Gold Coast. It was so successful that it is being repeated this year. The strategy is to provide a venue for all residents of the Gold Coast to dispose of surplus paper based materials that they would not like to put in their rubbish or recycling bins. Material that could easily be used to steal identity or provide a public forum for sensitive material. Stuff such as old tax records, financial documents, property purchases, meeting



minutes, even photographs and correspondence.

The District has teamed up with Shred-X, a secure disposal company, the Robina Town Centre and the Gold



Coast City Council, to provide a service where all material collected is secured at the site, is transported to the processing facility where it is treated and all materials are recycled.

# Paws Up for a Successful Dogs on Patrol

On Sunday June 16, North Brisbane Police were proud to meet over 2,500 people and their furry friends who came out for the annual Dogs On Patrol event, held at Roy Harvey Park.



Acting Sergeant Megan Dwyer engraving Dog tags

Dogs of all shapes and sizes came out for the event which was a fantastic opportunity for the Queensland Police Service (QPS), and stall holders, to engage with a very dog-friendly crowd.

During the event, the Gateway Crime Prevention Office were pleased to spread the crime prevention word and reinforce that community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

Joining crime prevention officers on the day, was around 20 recruits who assisted with the set up and pack down (much needed when the afternoon storm rolled in).

These eager recruits also played a vital role in Dog Squad demonstrations where a PD and their handler searched and located contraband material on the recruits – a great way for the community to see the dog squad in action.

Police had the opportunity to talk about personal safety, how to contact police should they need, and taking a good description of anyone acting suspiciously that they observe whilst out and about walking their dog.

Dogs on Patrol encourage dog owners in the suburbs of Brisbane to keep an eye on their local communities as they walk around the block with their four-legged friends.





Engraved dog tag

*"Dogs on Patrol encourage dog owners in the suburbs of Brisbane to keep an eye on their local communities as they walk around the block with their four-legged friends."*



The program aims to educate dog walkers that if they see something unusual or something suspicious to report it to Policelink on 131 444 or online or via the app, or in an emergency, contact police on Triple Zero (000).

The program also aims to educate dog owners how to stay safe while walking their dogs by being aware of their surroundings, and informing someone where and when they

are going, among other crime prevention habits.

This event was also an opportunity for the local Neighbourhood Watch Qld (NHWQ) groups to promote the fantastic work they do in the local communities.

Neighbourhood Watch is an important link between police and the community and the groups are relied on heavily by police in the community.



# Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch Skate Park Competition 2019



On 26 May 2019, Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch held their annual Skate Park Competition.

It was a great day out for parents and caregivers in the local community.

The skate park competition was created to get young people involved in the community and to highlight the work that Neighbourhood Watch



**Debbie Bellamy & Kamahl Hawkins NHW volunteers manning the sausage sizzle at the Skate Park competition**

does in reducing preventable crime in the local area.

Free skating lessons were held, and prizes given away during the competition. Coffee and food were provided along with a free sausage sizzle.

Additionally, representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Volunteers In Policing,

Crime Stoppers, PCYC and Skate Aid Australia were present providing information to children and parents about reducing crime in the community.

Local MP Dan Purdie was present for the event also.

A great time was had all round by parents, volunteers and happy yet exhausted children.



# Gold Coast District NHW Connection Day

For the past four years, the third Saturday in May has been a time for the Gold Coast District to bring together representatives from some of the many NHW groups across the city. It is held at a convenient community centre venue and is a day for the provision and exchange of information. Co-ordinators get together for a workshop session first. They are then joined by secretaries, treasurers and other members for a series of talks and discussion sessions arranged through specialist branches of Queensland Police, or others with information relevant to Neighbourhood Watch.

Freshly made scones, sausage rolls and other delicacies are plentiful;



lunch is provided and the day is totally free. There are plenty of handouts and support is always forthcoming from the City Council and local representatives.

This year we worked on an interesting strategic planning exercise and, with over 50 in attendance, it has been well worthwhile.

## Neighbour Day – March 2019



Group photo of our team and police with our local councillor Steve Griffiths and MP Milton Dick (Oxley) and residents

We began at 7.00 – 9.00am in Weston Place Park Oxley Ridge, Brisbane, with sausage sizzle,

coffee van, 3 free “lucky park” substantial prizes donated by businesses. We also had a fire truck, police motor cycle,

free dog tag engraving by police and volunteers. Very engaging morning.

# Neighbourhood Watch Acquires Chinese Language Capability on the Gold Coast



**Trevor Taylor - Robina's expert installer of NHW Plaques**



**Ping and NHW CEO Maria at the Robina Waters and Robina Woods NHW Community Meeting in May 2019**

Ping recently moved to Australia with her family and settled in Robina, Gold Coast.

She went along to her first Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting on 28 May, and instead of asking what it could do for her, enquired what she could do for the community?

"With my background I can help the team when they go door-to-door and meet someone who maybe isn't so strong with English but speaks Chinese, and reassure them we represent the community and are there to help. I would like to help the organisation to grow and keep Robina friendly and safe!"

Ping is the mother of an 11 year boy and studies Community Services at TAFE. She works on a volunteering basis with several not-for-profit groups including Multicultural Families Organisation, The Welcome Dinner Project and United Hands of Hope. Her aim is to have a career in community services based here in the Gold Coast.



**Ping and son Dylan admire the new NHW Plaque installed next to their letterbox. Robina Waters and Robina Woods NHW Volunteers Trevor (Assistant Area Coordinator) and Doug (Social Media Coordinator) were in attendance**



# NHW Slade Point Water Tower project launched



**Cara Sanders (artist) and Cara Gjuzi (Mackay Regional Council)**

The NHW team from Slade Point, Mackay are on the cusp of a massive achievement, an 18 metre high painting is close to being painted in the Slade Point Water tower.

The NHW team have gathered sponsorship from far and wide but particular thanks needs to go to Mackay Regional Council and their Arts grant (RADF) and Queensland Bulk Ports to enable this project to be funded. In kind support from various hire companies and it will all be documented by a photographic team from MINCO.

With whales and black cockatoos and an iconic sunrise I think you will agree this will really put Slade Point on the map.

Scott Nagy is multidisciplinary artist but primarily a painter. and has painted many buildings and water towers in his career so far, click here for more art work by Scott.

In this project, Scott, will be assisted by a local, Cara Sanders who grew up in Mackay, went to school at Holy Spirit College and studied in Brisbane. This is Cara's first water tower project, but she hopes it won't be her only art work at heights. She tells me she went climbing recently to get used to working at heights! She also said that when she takes a break from painting she will be on the lookout for whales passing by.



**Chris Lavel (grey shirt) coordinator of the Slade Point NHW talking with CR FRAN MANN from Mackay Regional Council and NHW Slade Point member**



**Painted Slade Point water tower. Next edition we will reveal the finished artwork!**



**CR Greg Williamson - Mayor Of Mackay Regional Council, Volunteer in Policing Gerri Kissner, NHW Ken Rehbein and Fran Cowell**



**Deb Netuschil nee Hazeldean, Cara Sanders, Leonie Wood, Scott Nagy Gerrie Kissner, Chris Laval, Tammy Laval with the artwork to be painted onto the tower**

That would be the ultimate selfie!

An update to this mammoth painting project in the next edition!

The community at Slade Point is benefiting in many way by having a vibrant NHW in their area.

# Winter is a treat for NHW markets in the Far North



Woree NHW Area Coordinator Alwin Koo installing one-way screws on a car at the market day



It goes without saying that you just can't beat winter in Far North Queensland. And what perfect way to celebrate this glorious weather than with a trip to the local Woree NHW markets.

With the skies a bright blue and the weather cool and crisp, over 45 stall holders set up early in the morning ready for the hordes of market goers. Organiser and Woree NHW Area Coordinator Alwin Koo is pleased to report that the number of stall holders continues to grow each market.

With a focus on Bric-A-Brac the markets also have a number of

 A 'BICYCLE IDENTIFICATION CARD' form from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland. It includes fields for owner details, bicycle particulars (make, model, year, colour, serial number, date and place of purchase, purchase value, and any identifying features), and a photo of the bicycle. The form is filled out with handwritten information.
 

BICYCLE IDENTIFICATION CARD	
<p>Provision of details of bikes are requested by police departments. Always report a stolen bike to the police, no matter the cost of the bicycle, and submit this card along with your report.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nhw.org">www.nhw.org</a></p> <p>Take the time to fill out the details before. Keep this record in a safe place.</p>	
<p><b>BICYCLE PARTICULARS</b></p> <p>OWNER (Last, First, Initial): _____</p> <p>ADDRESS (or e-mail): _____</p> <p>MAKE (e.g. Thomson): <u>CANON</u></p> <p>(COLOUR): <u>RED</u></p> <p>SERIAL NUMBER: _____</p> <p>DATE &amp; PLACE OF PURCHASE: <u>Centre of Excellence, Brisbane</u></p> <p>PURCHASE VALUE: <u>\$400</u></p> <p>ANY IDENTIFYING FEATURES: <u>Black and white photo</u></p>	
<p><b>SAFETY TIPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Never leave your bicycle unattended and especially in public places. If you have a lock, use it and make sure it is locked.</li> <li>• Secure your bicycle with a quality lock. Try to avoid leaving your bicycle in the open for long periods.</li> <li>• If you are in a hurry, take off your front wheel and leave it in the open street.</li> <li>• Always be aware of your bicycle's condition. Check for any damage, and if you find any, report it to the police.</li> <li>• Look after your bicycle and it will look after you.</li> </ul>	
<p>For more urgent crime contact Police on 133 884</p> <p>Get further information on local events and upcoming markets.</p> <p>Also a focus on Bric-A-Brac and Bric-A-Brac (Bric-A-Brac) groups in the community.</p>	

business and local government displays along with plenty of local produce available.

A popular recent addition to the markets is the themed treasure hunt. Kids visiting the markets are tasked to find photos on display at stalls and write down the names of the characters on them. Once they submit their completed list

they go in the draw to win a prize. At the Woree NHW information stall, community members continue to keenly take part in bicycle registration and one-way screw initiatives.

For a snapshot of the popular Woree markets, check out their online video: <https://www.facebook.com/WoreeMarkets/videos/>



# Neighbourhood Watch and Shed Happens visited by music legend Graeme Connors



**Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Shed Happens members meet the guest speaker Graeme Connors**

The men from Shed Happens recently held their event on the Esplanade at Shoal Point on Saturday, April 27 very early in the morning, in fact we literally watched the sun rise.

Men were encouraged to bring their sons, brothers, fathers, cousins, and friends to support one another, have a chat and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

The Shed Happens events allow for men to have a safe and confidential space where you can talk openly about anything in your life – be it good or bad.

After these conversations were had, the people behind Shed Happens were extremely pleased to be able to introduce a top shelf guest speaker, none other than Mackay born singer Graeme Connors (may we also add – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Graeme for today!)

We considered ourselves very fortunate to have Graeme attend and also so willingly share his story about his life's challenges and successes.

Luckier still, when Graeme was finished talking to our group he was pleased to share a song with us



**Graeme Connors speaking with Frank Cowell (Shed Happens)**



**After event picture opportunity – Daryl and his son (yellow shirts) Federal Member George Christensen and Shed Happens/Neighbourhood Watch member Frank Cowell**

As the intentions and commitment behind the Shed Happens group become more well known, the numbers attending are slowly but very steadily creeping up and up.

This is an event where men can talk about their problems and also how they were overcome.

It's also about making connections with others in the community, those connections may lead to members of the group helping each other in the future.

Mackay police said it is an absolute pleasure to see this group develop the way it has.

## Joey Scouts experience being Police Officers



**Learning some self defence**



**Joey Scouts**

Young members from the Sandford, Old Beach, Clarence and Howrah Joey Scout Clubs experienced life as police officers at the Police Academy recently. 41 enthusiastic kids aged between 5 and 8 years, together with their leaders, were shown the ropes by Recruit Course 2/2018. "The Joey Scouts had a great day playing with the police cars, testing their marching skills on the parade ground and practising their self-defensive tactics. They even got to catch a robber and see Police Drug Dog Aggie in action. They loved the day and were grateful for the experience" said Course Director, Sergeant Genevieve Hickman. Well done recruits for sharing your day with these kids.

Students from 'Students Against Racism' who have an interest in becoming a police officer spent the day seeing what it might be like to train as a police recruit.

The students who participated came to Australia as refugees and migrants



**Learning how to train a police dog**

from a diversity of countries and personal circumstances.

"Based at the Tasmania Police Academy, the activities were aimed to provided a valuable insight for students into the Tasmania Police recruitment process and what the training environment is like for a recruit" said Commander Robert Blackwood.

"We understand that it's important to represent the community we serve and this opportunity will

hopefully be a way in which we can attract culturally and linguistically diverse people.

"Our Police Recruits also benefited from the activities by engaging and connecting with youth of various backgrounds and cultures and talking to students about their experiences as a recruit.

"We hope the experience we provided for the students will promote policing as a career."



# New Norfolk's Connection to a Safer Community



New Norfolk Neighbourhood Watch evolved as the result of a small group of citizens who became concerned about the apparent increase in crime within their community.

Launched in spring 2018, the group deliver information about community and personal safety via a popular website which is filled with information and links to services, and a Facebook page with over 600 followers. In March they held a well-attended Community Consultation Workshop which provided the group with ideas for future directions. Issues identified as being of concern to the New Norfolk

*"They now have a weekly column in their local newspaper, the Derwent Valley Gazette, and hold regular information sessions at the local Woolworths supermarket."*

community include family violence, breaking the cycle (of generational unemployment, drug taking and crime), and youth issues.

They now have a weekly column in their local newspaper, the Derwent Valley Gazette, and hold regular information sessions at the local Woolworths supermarket.

This activity has resulted in an invitation to give a presentation to Derwent Valley Council in August. In the coming months, they will partner with the local radio station Tyga FM, and Lifeline in Hobart who will provide guest speakers for radio interviews on topics such as family violence, mental health and wellbeing and suicide prevention.

Moving forward, the group will continue to connect with community members, particularly youth and seniors in New Norfolk, and become an integral part of a local community network focused on personal and community safety.

Their website can be found at: [www.nnnw.org.au](http://www.nnnw.org.au)

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# 25th Birthday Celebration for Cam/Somerset NHW Group

On Monday 3rd June 2019, Cam/Somerset NHW Celebrated its 25th Birthday at the Pink Pepper Cafe in Somerset.



Cam/Somerset NHW members and guests

Members and guests enjoyed a catered supper, fabulous coffee and a shared time of fellowship and memories.

Western District Police Commander, Debbie Williams, was a special guest in attendance and presented Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania Certificates of Appreciation to Cam Somerset NHW Members.

Earlier in the day, Cam/Somerset Police Liaison Officer Ian Edwards presented previous Area Coordinator, Albert "Fuzzy" Hearn, and Zone Leader, Harry Woods, with Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service to the Watch.



Senior Constable Ian Edwards presenting founding member, Fuzzy Hearn with certificate of appreciation



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At the meeting, Senior Constable Edwards discussed the history of the Watch. He recalled that around February / March 1994, approx. 304 signatures were obtained from community members interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch Group in the Somerset area east of Arthur Street. In June 1994 a public meeting was held where minutes recorded 76 people attended and Zone Leaders and Office Bearer Positions Declared.

Ian went on to reflect on the success of the Watch over the

past 25 years and also paid respect to the memory of the members that have since passed. Finishing with a quote, "For the blessings of the many may be often times traced to one. As the hand that plants the acorn shelters armies from the sun. Often times those that plant the acorn don't enjoy the shade of the oak tree but they have left a legacy for others to benefit from". An example of this is how the Watch has since grown and has taken in all Somerset and parts of Camdale.



Cutting the celebratory cake

## Students Against Racism



Participants Role Playing

Students from 'Students Against Racism' who have an interest in becoming a police officer spent the day seeing what it might be like to train as a police recruit.

The students who participated came to Australia as refugees and migrants from a diversity of countries and personal circumstances.

"Based at the Tasmania Police Academy, the activities

were aimed to provided a valuable insight for students into the Tasmania Police recruitment process and what the training environment is like for a recruit", said Commander Robert Blackwood.

"We understand that it's important to represent the community we serve and this opportunity will hopefully be a way in which we can attract

culturally and linguistically diverse people.

"Our Police Recruits also benefited from the activities by engaging and connecting with youth of various backgrounds and cultures and talking to students about their experiences as a recruit.

"We hope the experience we provided for the students will promote policing as a career."

## Positive Impact on Stealing Offences



Iconic blue boatshed on Mounts Bay Road



Residents from Kings Park Avenue Wendy Sweeting, Stephanie Robey and Allan Green



Resident from Kings Park Avenue John Cook

Community Engagement Division (CED) Officers, Neighbourhood Watch WA, Perth District Police and the WA Police Force Graffiti Team have been working together in an effective partnership to help tackle stealing from motor vehicles in the Crawley precinct close to the iconic Blue Boatshed on Mounts Bay Road.

Given that the Blue Boatshed is regularly among the top Instagram posts worldwide, it's not surprising that it attracts both local and overseas visitors, many of whom have been victims of motor vehicle incidents upon leaving their vehicles to visit the Boatshed.

Unfortunately many of the overseas visitors to the Blue Boatshed park their hire cars in surrounding streets with their valuables stored in the vehicle. Potential offenders are well aware that these tourists are going to be away from their vehicles for normally between 15 and 30 minutes giving them enough time to force entry to the vehicle and remove valuable items of property. Most tourists take their cameras or mobile phones with them to photograph the Boat Shed however many other valuable items are still left

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in the vehicles. Credit cards, cash and passports are common items that are regularly stolen and these items being stolen create significant problems for the visiting tourists.

A Chinese film crew reporting for a tourist program in China recently visited the Blue Boat Shed and on their return to their hire vehicle they discovered that several items of expensive photographic equipment had been stolen.

CED's Community Engagement Officer, Ian Westmore, said as part of a range of stakeholder engagement, Neighbourhood Watch State Coordinator Jenny O'Brien has played an important role in providing education to residents from the area. "There's a lot of high density, apartment style living in the area, so Ms O'Brien had to work through a number of layers to engage with

the residents, but meeting with them and having content included in Strata newsletters meant there was greater awareness about what to look out for, where to report and how to report, he said.

"As a result of this work, a lot of information started coming through to Crime Stoppers which proved to be invaluable. Alongside this engagement arose opportunities to install portable CCTV cameras on some of the resident's balconies. Two camera units from the Graffiti Team were used and the City of Perth also deployed one of their mobile CCTV camera trailers in Kings Park Avenue, Mr Westmore said.

"The measures have had a very positive impact on stealing offences in the area and resulted in arrests – something which makes a visit to this beautiful part of Perth city even more enjoyable for our visitors."



# NHW Chinese Group WA

## Family Harmony

The WA Police Community Engagement Division have been working very closely with the NHW Chinese Group in WA. The Crime Prevention Unit in partnership with the Diversity Engagement Unit and NHW WA have developed a strong working partnership with this group.

In June 2019 the NHW Chinese Group ran a Family Harmony day hosted by the City of Melville who are a strong supporter of NHW.

A number of guest speakers presented on the day including the WA Minister for Woman's Interests Simone McGurk, Mr Yifan Ho from the Chinese Consulate, Mayor Russell Aubrey from the City of Melville, Dr Vince Hughes CEO of Crime Stoppers WA, Senior Constable Sam Lim, Senior Constable Jess Gunnis, Inspector Don Emanuel-Smith and Bernie Durkin from WA Police and also a representative from the Salvation Army.

The theme for the day was Family Harmony so the majority of presentations centred around the prevention of family and domestic violence and the support services that are available.

WA Police are well aware that within the Chinese community there is a very high percentage of under reporting of all offence categories and this is not unusual with many migrant groups. The NHW Chinese Group in WA is educating the local Chinese community to be aware of what should be reported but more importantly to give them the confidence to report. The affiliation that this group also has with Crime Stoppers in WA is integral to the success of this group. Clear messages are communicated in both English and Chinese as to what to



Group photo of awards presentation



Wenliang Dong, Lisa Li, Yanqing Xu, Don Emanuel-Smith, Qing Fu, Sam Lim, Lifan Zhang, NHWA Chairman Bernie Durkin, Miao Wang and Tony Gao



Dr Ye Zhang OAM, Councillor Patricia Phelan City of Melville, NHWA Chairman Bernie Durkin, Dr Vince Hughes CEO Crime Stoppers WA, Hon Minister Simone McGurk, Yifan He Chinese Consulate WA

report, how to report and whether contact should be made with WA Police or Crime Stoppers.

As well as formal presentations on the day numerous groups entertained the 300 guests

in attendance including dancers of all ages with professionally choreographed moves.

The NHW Chinese Group in WA continues to grow and is a great example for other Migrant groups.

# FEATURE

## FBI and MJIB join forces to support local law enforcement and crime prevention in the Asia Pacific



Director of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau (MJIB) Wen-Jong Leu

The Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates (FBINAA) is one of the strongest International

Law Enforcement networks in the world. The value of this association has never been realised as much as it is today as

a result of the need to communicate criminal activities, intelligence and incidents that do not respect boundaries.





FBINAA Asia Pacific attendees, left to right back row: Samal Jayawardana – ACT, Des Lacy – QLD, Dave Hudson – NSW, Chris Brand – NT, Malcolm Evans – WA, Marc Hogan – QLD, Paul Stewart – QLD, Leonie Steyger – QLD, Cheryl Scanlon – QLD, Tom Glorioso – FBI Honolulu, Kevin Wingerson – Texas USA, Steven Chou – Taiwan. Front row: Vince Weston – QLD, Mark Plath – QLD, Geoff Harrison – WA, Casey Farrell – FBI ACT, Don Always – FBI Quantico USA

Members of the FBINAA are alumni of the law enforcement officers who have attended the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy program in Quantico, Virginia. This program commenced in 1963 under the directive of United States President John F Kennedy and the leadership of J Edgar Hoover founding Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). There are 44 domestic chapters of this alumni association in the United States and 4 International Chapters.

The Asia Pacific Chapter, one of the four International Chapters, maintains the Association's membership and annual training for over 40 countries in the Asia Pacific Region. Established in 1984 the first chapter retraining conference was hosted by the Thai National Police in 1986.

NHWA CEO Maria Bennett said "I was delighted to attend a number of special events at this year's Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates

training conference, that was held recently in Taiwan and hosted by the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau".

**At the opening address for the cultural evening Director-General Ja-Chin Chen from the National Police Agency Ministry of the Interior, spoke of the importance of crime prevention in communities.**

**It is no longer enough to rely solely on local law enforcement organisations for safety and security. With the ever increasing use and development of social media, the internet and evolving international communication software devices, law enforcement agencies must take a global view of their safety and security strategies and networks.**

FBINAA Asia Pacific Secretary Treasurer, Des Lacy OAM, a retired Senior Police Officer from Queensland Australia, said



National Police Agency Ministry of the Interior, Director-General Ja-Chin Chen with NHWA Chief Executive Officer Maria Bennett

"While the training provided annually brings regional issues into perspective, the networking and strong relationships forged during these retraining conferences cannot be under-valued. It is these networks that are created and maintained that forge trust and a willingness to assist amongst the 48 chapters of the association. The basis of global policing on a domestic level".



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