



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

OUR MISSION:

Enabling Safer and Vibrant
Communities

OUR VISION:

Neighbourhood Watch
Australasia leads,
facilitates and supports
the Neighbourhood Watch/
Support ideal of safer
communities through
negotiation and exchange
of information. It achieves
this by promoting crime
prevention, quality of life
and social inclusion.



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An Australian Government Initiative

Message from the President

Steve Batterham, President, NHWA

Without Neighbourhood Watch (Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand), we would indeed experience higher levels of both reported and unreported crime, have increased levels of social isolation and the related mental health issues, as a community we would be relying on myths about community safety and crime issues, instead of facts. In my strong opinion, all of these things would ultimately result in unsafe, exclusive and stagnated communities. Who in their right mind would like to exist in that type of community? Through Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, we have been provided with an opportunity to work in collaboration with the many members of our society who believe that through their small or significant contribution, we can make a positive difference to how we live, work and play in our communities. Our challenge, throughout this three-year funding term, is to show that the Neighbourhood Watch/Support program has a vital role to play in today's society, that can be demonstrated in both social and economic terms.



Organisational Chart

Australia and New Zealand Local Communities

Australian Neighbourhood Watch and New Zealand Neighbourhood Support Incorporated Societies, Associations and Police Programs



Australian and New Zealand Policing Organisations



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Council of Delegates

Volunteer and Police Representative from each jurisdiction

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Executive Committee

A representative from each jurisdiction, Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Finance Sub Committee

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Chief Executive Officer

Administrative/
Project Support

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

President

Message from the CEO

Ingrid Stonhill, Chief Executive Officer, NHTA

I'm proud to report that Neighbourhood Watch Australasia has achieved all its milestones for year one of the three-year funding agreement.

I'm also proud to report that receiving Federal Government funding has afforded us the opportunity to research and learn our context. By that, I mean, how our organisation fits in the world of community capacity building through community engagement and how we need to respond to that.

One of the most exciting aspects of my job as CEO, is being able to work with an Executive Board that represents such a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in community safety and crime prevention. With their invaluable support I am able to define the course that our organisation will take over this three-year funding period.

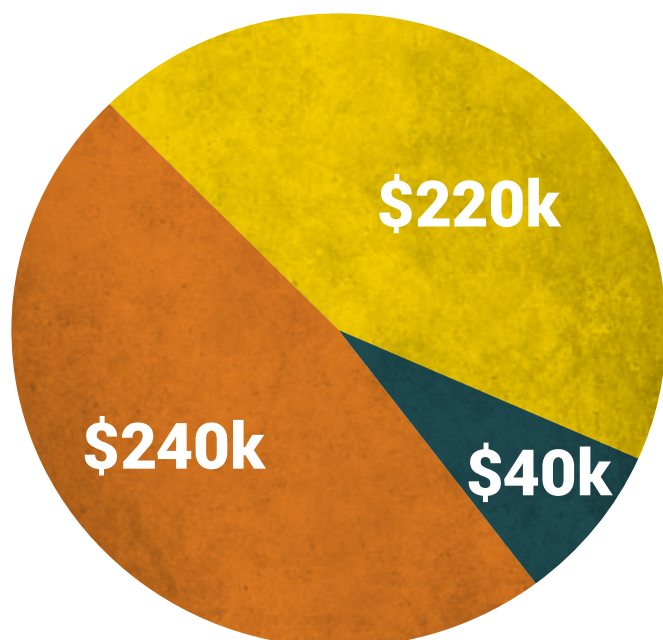
I am committed to the NHTA philosophy encompassing not only the vision of promoting greater social inclusion among communities, leading to enhanced well being and overall quality of life, but the means by which that vision can be actualised. This means empowering NHTA communities with the support they need to find local solutions to local issues and strengthening community-police engagement built on an information sharing and knowledge-based model.

I believe that with our collective strength, we can make a difference.

Regards



NHTA Funding Year One



● ● ► **NATIONAL OFFICE**

● ● ► **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

● ● ► **COMMUNITY**

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia funding

NHTA was awarded \$1.5m from the Federal Government POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) Funds. A Funding Agreement was entered into with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in April 2012. NHTA will receive \$500k per year for a three-year period.

NHTA FUNDING Year One (April 2012 to March 2013)

NATIONAL OFFICE: (\$220k)

Administration
Employment
Insurances/Tax

EXECUTIVE BOARD: (\$40k)

Member AGM Conference
Executive Meetings
Development/Training

COMMUNITY: (\$240k)

Community Funding Program
Community Project Funds
Remote and Vulnerable Community Project
Community Survey
Community Training Days
Web-based Communication
Community Awards

Our Projects

NHWA Remote and Vulnerable Communities Project

As part of the Federal Government funding, NHWA has agreed to develop a Neighbourhood Watch Program for remote and vulnerable communities. Its focus will be to build on community structures that assist the community in feeling more connected and to build positive interactions between police and community members. It will promote community participation in a shared responsibility for addressing community safety and crime prevention within the community. NHWA is working in collaboration with communities and police jurisdictions from South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. The program will be developed over a three-year period.



NHWA Community Funding Program

The 2012 inaugural Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Community Funding Program was targeted to give a much-needed boost and revitalisation to local community Neighbourhood Watch groups. The NHW program commenced throughout Australia some 25 years ago and this is the first time since its inception it has been able to deliver direct funding to its community groups.

The NHWA Community Funding Program allows for new or existing NHW groups to be working alongside Police and or Local Government Authorities to problem solve local community safety and crime prevention issues (available in Australia only).

NHWA Community Survey

The NHWA Survey was the first of its kind in Australia and New Zealand because rather than simply seek to address whether NHW programs reduced crime in communities, the NHWA Survey was particularly interested in assessing public perceptions about the additional benefits offered by involvement in Neighbourhood Watch/Support programs. The NHWA Survey sampled members from all nine member jurisdictions across Australasia. It comprised of a 15-page survey containing 189 individual questions. The NHWA Survey was conducted in collaboration with Associate Professor Kristina Murphy (Griffith University) and Dr Cassandra Cross (Queensland University of Technology). The NHWA Executive Summary is available on the NHWA website.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

Enabling Safer and Vibrant Communities

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) is the largest Australasian community-based crime prevention program of its kind. Neighbourhood Watch Australasia is the overarching organisational body, embracing all Neighbourhood Watch programs in Australia and the Neighbourhood Support program of New Zealand.

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) was constituted and incorporated in 2006 and received Australian Federal Government Funding in 2012 to support the NHW mission of enabling *safer and vibrant communities*. The collaborative working structure of NHW has developed a strong and supportive organisational and community network, intent on reducing crime and building safe, secure and confident communities across Australasia. With this vision, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia plays a pivotal active role in the support it provides to the community through the programs of Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support in both Australia and New Zealand.

The National Executive Committee of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia meets quarterly and comprises of representatives of Police and Community Volunteers from all Australian States, Territories and New Zealand as follows:



**President A/Inspector
Steve Batterham,**
(Queensland)



**Vice President
Mr Bernie Durkin,**
(Western Australia)



**Secretary Mrs Margaret
Pearson, (ACT)**



Treasurer Ms Gill Metz,
(Victoria)



**Executive Officer Senior
Sergeant David Wardrop,**
(South Australia)



**Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Ingrid Stonhill,**
(Queensland)



**Executive Board Member
Inspector Carlee Mahoney,**
(New South Wales)



**Executive Board Member
Superintendent Ashley
Lange, (South Australia)**



**Executive Board Member
Mr Roger Eynon,**
(New Zealand)



**Executive Board Member
Ms Pat Leary,**
(Tasmania)



**Executive Board Member
Mrs Clare McGrath,**
(ACT)



**Executive Board
Member Mr Dennis Obst,**
(South Australia)



**Executive Board Member
A/Superintendent Michael
Hebb, (Northern Territory)**



**Projects Administrator
Mrs Caroline Campbell**
(Queensland)

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Steve Batterham, Ingrid Stonhill, Bernie Durkin, Dave Wardrop, Margaret Pearson, Ashley Lange, Gill Metz

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT: Carlee Mahoney, Ashley Lange, David Wardrop, Ingrid Stonhill

COMMUNITY PROJECTS – MULTI LINGUAL: Gill Metz, Ingrid Stonhill, Clare McGrath, Carlee Mahoney, Roger Eynon

COMMUNITY PROJECTS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Pat Leary, Clare McGrath, Ingrid Stonhill, Dennis Obst, Roger Eynon

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM: Steve Batterham, Bernie Durkin, Gill Metz, Dave Wardrop, Ingrid Stonhill

REMOTE AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITY PROJECT: Bernie Durkin, Michael Hebb, Ingrid Stonhill, Dave Wardrop, Steve Batterham

AWARDS: Dennis Obst, Brian Scully, Ken Mildred, Pat Leary (Administered Ingrid Stonhill)

COMMUNITY TRAINING DAYS (SYMPOSIUM): Pat Leary, Ingrid Stonhill, Carlee Mahoney, Ashley Lange, Margaret Pearson

NATIONAL OFFICE

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ACHIEVEMENT OF FUNDING AGREEMENT MILESTONES

YEAR ONE

- ● ► **Government Funding Agreement**
Successfully negotiated and agreed the aims, objectives and deliverables of the POCA Funding Grant through NHTA.
- ● ► **CEO Appointed**
Successfully appointed a CEO and Project Administrator to structure the organisation and manage the business of NHTA.
- ● ► **NHTA National Office**
Successfully set up a National Office, Brisbane, Queensland, in collaboration with Queensland Police Service.
- ● ► **Community Funding Program**
Successfully completed the development, structure and processes required for an Australia-wide Community Funding Program.
- ● ► **NHTA Australasia Community Survey**
Successfully completed the development and implementation of an Australasia-wide community survey in partnership with Griffith University, Queensland. To successfully analyse who NHTA members are; what the value of NHTA is; and how effective the community/police partnership is.
- ● ► **NHTA Community and Policing Awards**
Successfully promoted NHTA as a values-based organisation by celebrating the extraordinary contributions by community individuals, groups and police employees through an Awards-based system.
- ● ► **NHTA Remote and Vulnerable Communities Project**
In collaboration with SAPOL, WAPOL, NTP and QPS successfully commenced the development of a specific crime prevention program that addresses the needs of remote and vulnerable communities. Provide a body of knowledge relating to crime prevention in indigenous and/or marginalised communities.
- ● ► **NHTA Strategic Partnerships**
Successfully completed a charter document with each policing jurisdiction and association. Maintained effective communication with police chiefs and the actions of NHTA, complementing and aligning with police activities.
- ● ► **Evaluation**
Developed evaluation tools for each applicable NHTA project.

