

NHWA Community Training days



NHWA provides opportunities for NHW grassroots members and community engagement officers to be exposed to relevant information around local community safety and crime prevention initiatives. This information provides an opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and is offered free of charge to all member jurisdictions. In 2014-15 NHWA hosted two training days in New South Wales (right) and one in Western Australia (above).



NHWA website Repository of Information online library

The establishment of the web based NHWA Repository of Information (Library) relates specifically to community safety and crime prevention projects developed and implemented at a local level to address localised issues. The purpose of the Repository of Information is to create a significant resource of projects for reference and learnings to enhance the knowledge and capability of community engagement police officers and community NHW members who work across community engagement roles. The Repository of Information online library can be found at www.nhwa.com.au.

Remote communities

The NHW Remote Communities project empowers community members to take a shared responsibility with police to address local crime. Whilst acknowledging variances across communities the structure is built on an engagement model that focuses on localised problem solving, through education and awareness. The program has helped build community capacity and capability.



What is a local Neighbourhood Watch Program?



A local Neighbourhood Watch Program is a community led safety and awareness program that aims to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in the community. A Neighbourhood Watch Program gives people cause and confidence to make contact with and simply talk to, their neighbours. A Neighbourhood Watch Program helps people feel more connected to each other in their community. Community participation and a shared responsibility for what is happening in the local neighbourhood can be vital to feelings of safety. By communicating with neighbours, neighbours can share important information that will help make the community a safer place. Neighbours are in the best position to notice when something unusual is happening in an area and are able report any suspicious activity to police.

Cyber Safety - ThinkUKnow

Many Australians, particularly those most vulnerable, express a lack of understanding about technology and how they can protect their families from the risks of its use. There is increasing concern from the community about the use of technology as a crime enabler. This can lead to fear of crime in the community, and ultimately create inhibitive behaviours and have a negative effect on the economy if not addressed. If members of the community do not believe that police are being successful in addressing such crime, they will be less likely to supply information, and with less intelligence from the community, investigations may stall.



NHWA Diagrammatic Safety Brochures

NHWA has produced diagrammatic brochures that are specifically designed for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community members. Through visual learning the basic ideals and values of Neighbourhood Watch are portrayed to ensure that the Australian principles of keeping yourself, your family and your belongings safe are shared with people newly arrived in Australia. Through a series of diagrammatic illustrations, each brochure depicts examples of correct behaviours/decisions required for keeping themselves and their property safe. The series of brochures also list interpretation service contact details, along with the emergency and non urgent police assistance telephone numbers.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA



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"Improving today, while creating a safer tomorrow"

'You Decide' book series

The 'You Decide' series of educational books have been produced by NHWA as part of the ongoing resources and educational programs targeted specifically for the needs of indigenous Australian communities, to help address community safety and crime prevention issues.

Story by Ingrid Stonhill
Drawings illustrated by Effigy Creative
Book published by Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

"At School, You Decide"

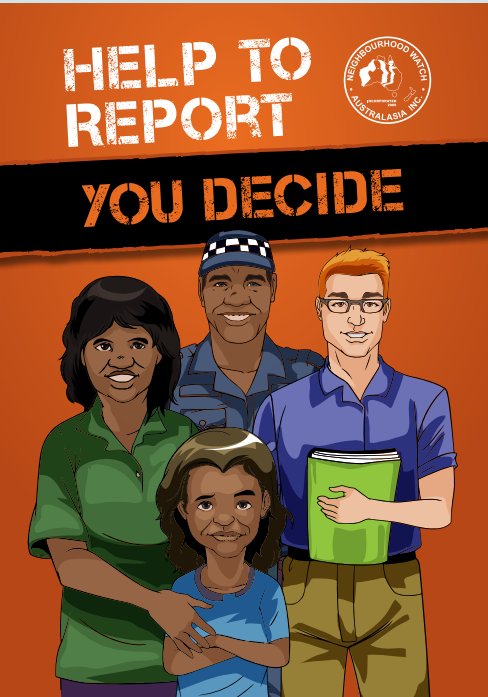
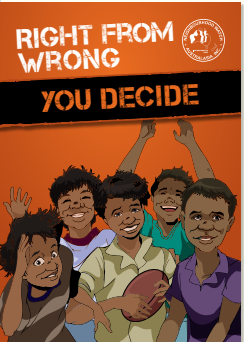
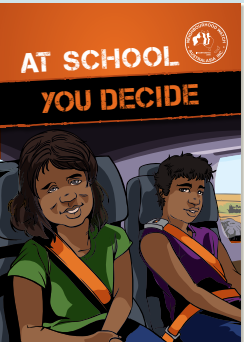
Jannali and Mallee need your help to make a good choice about going to school every day. When we go to school, we get to learn important things, keep healthy and have lots of fun playing with friends. Can you help Jannali and Mallee to make the right choice?

"Right from Wrong"

Tyson has found a lost football on his school grounds and he isn't sure what to do. Tyson needs your help to decide if he should keep the football or hand it in to the school. Can you help Tyson make the right choice?

"Help to Report"

On her way to school one day, Mandie sees something that she knows is wrong. Mandie needs your help to report what she saw. Follow the step by step series of questions and you can help Mandie to report the crime.



Above right: Junior NHW Group, Mildura Victoria, promotes NHW in style by wearing their NHW bucket hats. The hats were purchased for the Junior NHW with the community funding to compliment the Junior NHW Program. The youth involved in the program will provide a gateway into the home and will provide information to adults and other family members' resulting in a heightened awareness of home security.

Our commitment to you: improving today, while creating a safer tomorrow

Our commitment to our members through service delivery that:

- provides access to quality evidence based information
- fosters effective community engagement relationships across Australasia
- creates a collaborative approach to problem solving within a community engagement context
- provides exposure to and solutions to address potential risks when working within community engagement
- limits the overlap of service and resource development and the coordination of existing service delivery, saving valuable time and money whilst increasing efficiency.
- provides research and analysis that is broader in scope and more expansive in detail than those done by a single jurisdiction in isolation
- gains access to extensive skill sets and offers a unique opportunity to gain better knowledge of the cross section of organisations working with the community safety and crime prevention sector

NHWA 2014/15 Project Launches

‘You Decide’ children’s educational story books, addressing truancy, reporting and consequences are launched in Alice Springs with Northern Territory Police, Indigenous Affairs Minister, Nigel Scullion and NHWA CEO.

Picture: Phil Williams.

NHWA Repository of Information (online library) provides access to a library of information relating specially to grass roots community safety and crime prevention projects.

The Hon Phillip Ruddock, Mr Bernie Durkin, Vice President NHWA, The Hon Pat Leary, President, NHWA, The Hon Michael Keenan Minister of Justice, Ingrid Stonhill CEO NHWA.

NHW Beach Watch Sunshine Coast, aims to reduce crime and anti-social behaviours at the Beach. A partnership between, Police, Community and Life Guards.

QPS Commissioner Ian Stewart, Fiona Simpson MP, CEO Ingrid Stonhill and Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson.



NHWA trial Remote Indigenous NHW Program. Tiwi Island’s Wurrumiyanga is the second Indigenous community in the Northern Territory to embrace the Neighbourhood Watch Program into its community to help make it a safer place to live.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles, Northern Territory Commissioner of Police John McRoberts, NHWA President Pat Leary and NHWA CEO Ingrid Stonhill.

NHWA “Behind Closed Doors” Family Violence Diagrammatic Brochure was launched at Freedom Plaza in Cabramatta, NSW, sending a strong message nationally that Family Violence is a community issue that cannot be ignored.

Chris Hayes, Federal Member for Fowler, Mayor of Fairfield City, Frank Carbone, NSWPF Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch, Mr Nick Lalich, MP, CEO Ingrid Stonhill.

“Join Neighbourhood Watch Today” brochure holders were launched across Australia in March 2015. These cardboard brochure holders are designed for easy counter top or desk top display of all NHWA brochures.

Join Neighbourhood Watch Today! You can make a difference!

Message from the CEO

In 2012 Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) received for the first time Australian Federal Government funding from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Funds. During the last three years we have delivered on all the agreed Government objectives and most importantly we have delivered to you, our members and our communities. This is our third and final annual report for this funding period, which briefly outlines what has been achieved this year.

It has been both an honour and a privilege to lead the development, implementation and evaluation of our strategic business plans and establish a strong, collaborative organisation maintaining a culture of innovation, productivity and team work – to build and sustain cross sectorial partnerships to fulfill our vision of “Safe and Vibrant Communities”. I wish to acknowledge the significant contributions of the Board of NHWA,

particularly those community volunteer members whose commitment and contribution is a testament to all.

As Australasia’s largest community crime prevention organisation of its kind, we would not exist without those members who, like us, believe they have a contribution to make to ensure our communities are safe. I would also like to acknowledge our strategic partners and those that have supported us through this funding period.

For 30 years Neighbourhood Watch programs have been essential to the Australian way of life. I leave you with the words of Sir Robert Peel (creator of the modern Police Force), “The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

Regards, Ingrid Stonhill.

Community Funding Projects – a snapshot

2015 Domestic and Family Violence Project

Coffee Cup Displaying domestic and family violence messaging.

This project is a partnership between the QPS Sunshine Coast District, the combined NHW groups of the Sunshine Coast and participating cafes throughout the Sunshine Coast. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of local incidences of Domestic and Family Violence and the role for the community to report and not ignore it.

2014 Free Little Libraries Project

Providing materials to build libraries in Macleod, Victoria.

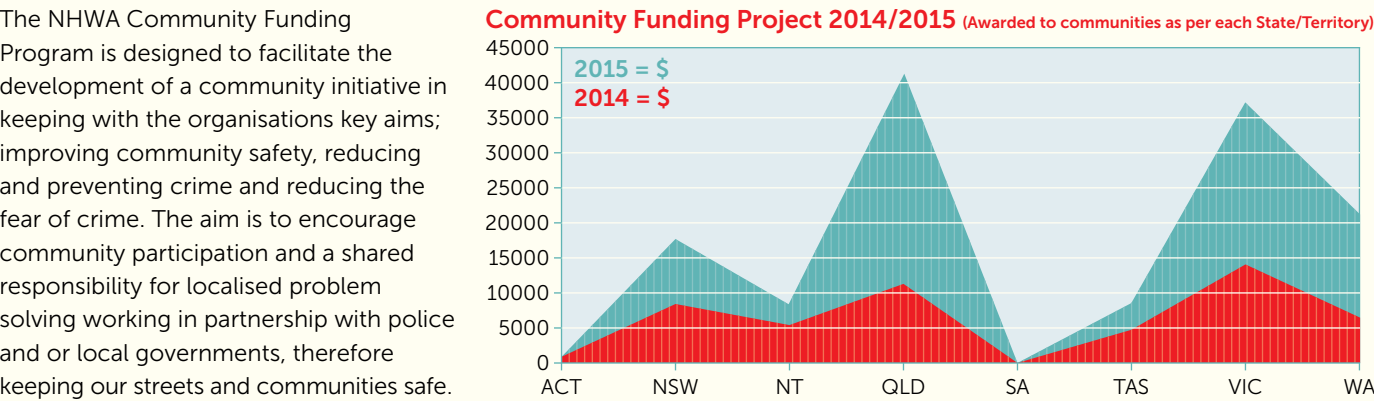
This project provided free little libraries located within two local parks. The libraries create community hubs for people to gather with their children. The libraries are currently being built by local students and it is hoped that through this involvement, the students will learn the importance of respecting a community asset and also learn the impact on the community if the asset is damaged by vandals.

Clean and Clear Project, Tiwi Island (NT)

The Clean and Clear project aims to educate local residents to clear rubbish in the community of Wurrumiyanga, NT.

Residents and community members will be working together, using gardening equipment, to clean up and clear out their overgrown weeds and rubbish, making it safe from fire, health risks, weed and vermin infestations.

NHWA Community Funding Program



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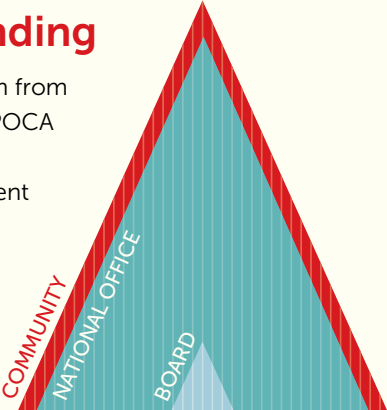
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Neighbourhood Watch Australasia funding

NHWA 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. NHWA will receive \$500k per year for a three year period.



NHWA Funding Year Three

- Community: (\$240K)**
- Community Funding Program
 - Remote and Vulnerable Communities Project
 - Community Resources
 - Web-based Communication
- National Office: (\$220K)**
- Administration
 - Employment
 - Insurances/Tax
 - Project Management
- Executive Board: (\$40K)**
- Member AGM Conference
 - Executive Meetings
 - Development/Training
- Community Project Funds**
- Community Training Days
 - Community Awards