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ANNUAL REPORT

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Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Limited





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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA

Our Mission

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia will promote community safety by supporting its members through education, awareness and resources, to prevent crime.

Our Vision

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch member organisations and the Police, will be the leading volunteer community inclusion and crime prevention organisation in Australasia.

Our History

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) programs were introduced to Australian communities by Police in the 1980s.

The logo of the four faces was designed in 1983 by a Victorian volunteer community committee and has become the nationally recognised brand of NHW.

In 2003, NHW conference participants from Australian policing agencies and NHW voluntary associations agreed there would be significant value in establishing a national structure to assist the growth and development of NHW across Australia and New Zealand.

By 2006, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) was established to provide a collaborative approach to the development of resources; training to members; cross-sector information exchange and advocacy for Neighbourhood Watch in Australia and Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand.

The first NHWA Journal was printed in October 2006 and shared information on crime prevention initiatives and events from each of the Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support regions.

In 2007 NHWA, as a not for profit organisation, registered as an incorporated association.

In 2010 NHWA established an online presence with the nhwa.com.au website. This continues to be a great point of contact and source of news and information for groups, members, and the general public.

2011 saw the launch of the NHWA Facebook page as a result of the growth of social media.

During 2018 NHWA transitioned from an incorporated association, to a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity.

NHWA's primary role in 2020 continues to be to promote the exchange of information and knowledge between communities and Police and to improve community safety, engagement and social inclusion while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions.

OUR PATRON

Commissioner Michael Fuller APM

Commissioner Michael Fuller joined the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) in 1987. Throughout his career he has served in a variety of areas including General Duties, Detective, Criminal Investigation, Inspector Duty Officer, Target Action Group, Superintendent Operations Manager, Field Operations and Local Area Commander before being promoted to Assistant Commissioner, Commander Southern Region in 2010.

Since then, he has served as the Assistant Commissioner, Commander Professional Standards and Assistant Commissioner, Commander Central Metropolitan Region. Commissioner Fuller received the Australian Police Medal in 2009 and currently holds a Graduate Diploma of Executive Leadership, a Diploma of Applied Policing and a number of Diplomas and Certificates in Leadership and Management.

The NSWPF has worked closely with Neighbourhood Watch in NSW for over 30 years as well as supported Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA). The Commissioner's objective is to continue achieving positive outcomes for communities through the implementation of programs and awareness-raising activities in collaboration with NHWA. He is also involved in a variety of programs and activities within the community including a program he developed called RISEUP.





CEO'S REPORT

A warm welcome to all!

What a year it's been. No one could have predicted how the last five months of the 2020 financial year were going to eventuate. In a few short months we saw the world, our country, culture and lifestyle come to a complete halt. Since going into lockdown in March we've been challenged as a nation to work together to achieve a remarkable outcome.

We've checked-in on our neighbours, learned to protect our bubbles, and proven once again how resilient we can be when faced with a crisis. We've found alternative ways to stay close to family, friends and neighbours and help others, as we all embrace this new path together.

Our sincere gratitude for those on the front-line.

As the peak body, NHWA not only delivers advocacy, resources and support to our members, we are also very hands on with the delivery of the organisation's major projects.

Ongoing major projects include:

- The Community Capacity Study in collaboration with the University of Queensland to survey and measure the effectiveness of NHW in communities, project update p11.
- The Neighbourhood Watch International Conference, 22 May 2021 at the Gold Coast. The conference will bring together volunteers, members, police and other law enforcement agencies to engage and be part of this inaugural national and international crime prevention initiative, project update p14

After more than two years with NHWA Anne Collishaw has moved on to pursue her dream with the Australian Defence Force. Selina Otto has commenced the role of Executive Assistant and brings with her a suite of skills and a passion for crime prevention. Thank you to the Chair and Board Directors for their ongoing support, governance and strategic direction.

Central to all NHWA activities and projects is the relationship between Neighbourhood Watch and policing organisations. We recognise and are appreciative of the strong partnerships between Police and communities working together for better crime prevention outcomes.

It is a pleasure to be a part of Neighbourhood Watch, delivering tangible results to communities.

Let's take action. Let's take ownership. And number 1. Let's stay safe.

Maria Bennett

Maria Bennett
Chief Executive Officer



CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear Stakeholders and Members

On behalf of the Board, it gives me great pleasure to present our Annual Report for the financial year 2019/20.

This has been a consolidation year for Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) Limited, as we continue to deliver on our Federally funded projects, and also deliver on all other commitments as required for a company limited by guarantee.

I wish to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of our CEO Maria Bennett and Executive Assistant Selina Otto who ensure that our organisation operates as smoothly as possible. Maria and Selina are both extremely motivated and energetic and on behalf of the Board I thank them for their efforts.

During the 2019/20 financial year we have had some movement with Board Members, and I wish to thank those who have moved on for their commitment to NHWA while on the Board. I wish to acknowledge and thank Detective Chief Inspector Carlene Mahoney NSW Police Force and Appointed Board Member Cheryl Cartwright for their contribution to our organisation.

The NHWA Board, with strong support from our staff, will be focusing on our strategic priorities for the year ahead and as an organisation we will continue to deliver on our Federal Government commitments.

Reporting of criminal or suspicious activity continues to be a core function of all Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups throughout Australia. A key project for NHWA is to enhance the reporting process and encourage all NHW members to report suspicious or criminal behaviour. Planning is also well under way for our NHW International Conference to be held on the Gold Coast in May 2021, which will also cater for online attendance.

The NHWA Board will continue to enhance our existing programs and will also be exploring new and exciting options throughout Australia and New Zealand to assist in making our local communities safer and happier places to live.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow Board members for their outstanding efforts and I look forward to the consolidation of our organisation and an exciting year ahead.

Best regards

Bernie Durkin
Chair



OUR PEOPLE

Board Members and Staff

Bernie Durkin
Chair, Western Australia
Bernie is the Executive Manager for the Community Engagement Division of the WA Police. This role encompasses the position of WA State Director for NHW. Bernie is currently the Chair of NHWA.



BERNIE DURKIN

Les Bulluss
Queensland
In 2011 Les was promoted to Inspector, and in 2013 was appointed to his current role as Manager, Community Programs. Les' portfolio includes Crime Prevention, Cultural Engagement, Pipes and Drums and the Queensland Police Museum.



LES BULLUSS

Maria Bennett
Chief Executive Officer
Maria has extensive knowledge, management skills and leadership experience in the public and private sectors in Australia, NZ and Asia, including working with many prominent charities/not for profit organisations.



MARIA BENNETT

Margaret Pearson
Company Secretary
Throughout her career, Margaret has made a significant contribution to the voluntary sector, including President of NHW ACT for 8 years. Margaret is currently the Company Secretary of NHWA.



MARGARET PEARSON

Clare McGrath
Australian Capital Territory
Clare is currently the Vice-President and Board Member of ACT NHW. Clare has been an active member of NHW since 1985.



CLARE MCGRATH

Selina Otto
Executive Assistant
Selina has recently completed a Bachelor of Justice specialising in Policing and a Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology); she is passionate about crime prevention within the community.



SELINA OTTO

Peter Edwards
Tasmania
Peter Edwards is a former Commander in the Tasmanian Police Service. He has served as a Detective, Prosecutor, Intelligence Officer and Head of Training. Peter is now President of NHW Tasmania.



PETER EDWARDS

Eric Tibbott
New Zealand
Superintendent Eric Tibbott assists the Commissioner of Police in driving the development and implementation of NZ Police's Prevention First Strategy, actively supporting and contributing to community-based crime prevention.



ERIC TIBBOTT

RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS

Carlene Mahoney NSW – concluded October 2019
Cheryl Cartwright – concluded February 2020



About Us

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) is the peak body of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in Australia and Neighbourhood Support New Zealand (NSNZ). It is governed by a Board comprising NHW representatives and senior Police from member States and Territories of Australia, and New Zealand.

NHW supports and works in partnership with NHW and NSNZ to enhance the safety and security of communities. We share ideas and disseminate information through community programs that encourage participation in crime prevention and the building of safe and confident communities



NHW Board Directors (BD), staff and guests from NHW and Police at the Canberra 2019 Jurisdictions Meeting, held prior to the NHWA AGM

L-R: Frank Pearce NHW Tasmania, Clare McGrath BD/NHW ACT, Geoff Darlison Victoria Police, Margaret Pearson NHWA Company Secretary, James Bellicanta ACT Policing, Peter Edwards BD/NHW Tasmania, Jenny O'Brien NHW WA, Neil MacMillan Queensland Police, David Watmore NHW NSW, Les Bulluss BD/QLD Police, Bernie Durkin NHWA Chair/NHW WA, Maria Bennett NHWA CEO, Rob MacFarlane NSW Police, Cheryl Cartwright BD, Brett Prowse NT Police, Jenny Malone NHW NT



Lorraine Mazerolle
Professor of Criminology



Dr Renee Zahnow,
Criminology Lecturer

Queensland Neighbourhood Watch Survey

The Queensland Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Community Capacity Survey was a huge success thanks to all the dedicated members who took the time to complete the questionnaire. At the completion of the study period we had **800 surveys completed** by members of Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ). Of those surveyed, **47% have been members of NHW for more than 10 years**.

NHWQ members reported that, most frequently, NHW groups communicate via face to face meetings held quarterly, annually, or monthly. Approximately half (50%) of NHW members reported that they use email to communicate with their NHW group. In meetings, discussions most frequently centre around the topics of protection from violence and property crimes.

Importantly, over 75% of people believe that NHW provides useful crime prevention advice and 83.5% agree or strongly agree that NHW is a worthwhile program.

Over half (53%) of the members responding to the survey reported that NHW had helped reduce crime in their neighbourhood and 71% either agreed or strongly agreed that NHW brought people together in their community.

Most people (68%) described crime in their community as being low or average. Only 22% of people felt fairly worried or very worried about being the victim of crime. While the majority of respondents reported that they felt safe in their neighbourhood during the day (89%), approximately one third of people (34%) said they did not feel safe to walk in their neighbourhood at night. More than half (59%) of respondents reported they feel safer in their community because they are connected with their NHW group.

The most frequently identified local problems were drug use, vandalism/graffiti and traffic issues. Young people getting into trouble was also highlighted as an issue in many NHW areas.

Approximately half (50%) of the surveyed members reported that their NHW group organised events for people in the broader community and 65% said they organised events for NHW group members. Most frequently both types of events took place on an annual basis and included events such as Christmas parties; Bunnings BBQs; Clean Up Australia Day events and participation in local markets or shows.

The majority of NHW members also reported they engaged in crime prevention activities in their private homes. For example, **77% of people indicated they had a security door installed; 70% installed window security screens, 65% had an alarm installed and 52% displayed NHW stickers** at their property. Overall, respondents thought police were doing a good job responding to crime in their neighbourhoods and **expressed high levels of both confidence and trust in the police.**

The research project is ongoing. We are thoroughly underway and will now move on to look further into the factors highlighted as the key strengths of NHW by the surveyed members. We will also carefully look at the recommendations provided by members about ways to strengthen NHW in the future.

Neighbourhood Watch

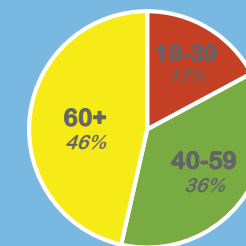
Queensland

Who participates in NHWQ?

More women than men



Almost half are senior residents (aged 60 or over)



Social Benefits

- ✓ 71% said that NHQ brings people together in the community
- ✓ 52% said that NHW had helped them meet new people
- ✓ Only 17% said that NHWQ should ONLY focus on reducing levels of crime.

Top 5 issues discussed at NHWQ meetings

1. Property crime (82%)
2. Traffic and road safety (72%)
3. Graffiti and vandalism (55%)
4. Personal violence (55%)
5. Road works and local hazards (52%)

Attitudes towards NHWQ

- ✓ 74% said that their NHW group contributes positively to the community

Crime Prevention Strategies

- ✓ 92% had someone watch their house while away
- ✓ 88% had someone collect mail while they were away
- ✓ 77% installed security screens on doors
- ✓ 70% installed security screens on windows
- ✓ 52% used NHWQ - provided security stickers

Crime and Safety

- ✓ 59% said they feel safer in their community because they are connected to their NHW group
- ✓ 53% said that the work of their NHW group had reduced crime levels in their neighbourhood
- ✓ 73% said that they were not at all worried, not very worried or only a little worried about being a victim of crime

Reporting Training

NHW members are encouraged to provide reports and intelligence on drug related activity, property crime and other criminal activity.

The purpose of producing the 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 incorporates the development of an online reporting training course to be delivered in several different modules; these would include:

- How to report?
- What to report?
- When to report?
- Who should report?
- Call 000 emergency
- Call 131 444 Police assistance non urgent
- Crime Stoppers anonymous reporting
- How to identify illegal drug use in your neighbourhood
- Behavioural observation techniques

The outcome of this project will provide a quantitative measure of evidence-based effectiveness of NHW members in the community in the areas of crime prevention, law enforcement and supply, and use of illegal drugs.



Neighbourhood Watch

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SEA WORLD RESORT
QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA
22 May 2021



Neighbourhood Watch International Conference

Stop the Press! Date Claimer!

Put it in the diary - the date has been set **Saturday 22 May 2021.**

The venue has been booked - **Sea World Resort and Conference Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland.**

Theme: Creating Safer Communities

"The Police are the Public and the Public are the Police" Sir Robert Peel 1829

As the peak body for Neighbourhood Watch Australia and Neighbourhood Support New Zealand (NSNZ), we are very excited to announce that the date has been set again (due to COVID-19) for the inaugural Neighbourhood Watch International Conference.

The conference will bring together Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and NSNZ volunteers, members, Police and other law enforcement agencies to engage and be a part of this major national and international crime prevention initiative.

The NHW International Conference will be a combination of showcasing Australia and New Zealand's best practice crime prevention and community safety initiatives, as well as equipping NHW members with the latest information from around the world.

Due to the uncertainty of future COVID-19 restrictions, the conference will now take the format of a hybrid conference. The hybrid event format will offer delegates the option to attend in person or online. Online delegates can view the conference either live or login to watch it later, depending on their location and/or time zone.

Hub locations: Depending on what the COVID-19 situation is, it is proposed that there will be a number of smaller hub locations. If people can't attend in person at the live Gold Coast venue, for any reason, including COVID-19, then the hub locations are an alternative contingency plan.

Smaller groups of 20 or more, can gather in hubs, for example, the local NHW group books a hall where delegates can gather, watch the conference on a large screen TV, have meal breaks, socialise and enjoy the benefits of the conference and guest speaker presentations.

For more information contact us at info@nhwa.com.au or **go directly to the conference website at: nhw2021.com.au**



Digital Mentor training class in Canberra, ACT

Digital Mentor Training

More than 80 people have already been trained to be Digital Mentors. The objective is to train a total of 100 Digital Mentors within twelve months.

NHWA has partnered with Be Connected to train 100 Digital Mentors. 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.

The course is offered free of charge, and the purpose of the program is to train anyone who would like to become a Digital Mentor. The Digital Mentors can then train over 50's how to use digital technology, such as computers, smart phones, tablets and the internet in a safe and confident way.

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.

The program is perfect for all NHW groups to train their members in the use of digital technology, as well as the opportunity to earn some additional grant funding for NHW groups.

Older Australians will 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

In March 2020 the NHW Digital Mentor program successfully and smoothly transitioned from a face to face training format, to an online program due to COVID-19. The remainder of the program will be delivered online via video conferencing to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

Children Come to School Program

Over 300 children, teachers and police attended the Children Come to School program launch, held at St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island. The launch was a combined activity of Neighbourhood Watch Australia, Queensland Police, Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's Catholic School.

The Children Come to School program has been developed as an engagement tool to help break down barriers between police and children in the community. The program is a conversation starter about the benefits of going to school, with the message 'every day counts' and also includes information about food, career options, safety and how to call triple zero in an emergency or 131444 for police assistance.

NHWA has been working with Principals Tess Fong St Michael's Catholic School and Beresford Domic Bwgcolman 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 more often*.

NHWA worked with local community stakeholders on education challenges and co-designed the Children Come to School program, developing resources specifically tailored to promote positive attitudes towards education.



The customised resources included information about the local schools, positive imagery about Indigenous life, the value of children's school attendance and introduced local Indigenous role models. The information is provided in an interactive format, so students were able to personalise their individual booklets.

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.

EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS



Get Online Week

14-20 October 2019

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia secured \$54,000 in grant funding for 36 NHW groups to host Get Online Week events.

If the last few months have taught us anything, it is how vitally important digital skills are to our wellbeing, safety and connectedness.

2.5 million people are currently not online in Australia, and 4 million people have limited digital skills.

In October 2019, 36 NHW groups got onboard to promote Get Online Week; each NHW group received funding to host an event that showcased online technology.

A total of over 1,000 community events were hosted across the country during the one week campaign, through BBQ's, digital scavenger hunts, morning/afternoon teas and open days, helping people with limited digital skills make the most of the internet.

Many NHW groups and volunteers have adapted and found creative ways to continue to support local communities during COVID-19 restrictions. It is difficult to predict what our "new normal" will look like, but one thing we know for sure is that everyone deserves the opportunity to learn digital skills and no one should be left behind.

Get Online Week began in 2007 as an initiative to bring digital inclusion to national attention. Since then, the campaign has grown into a week-long annual celebration, with thousands of events taking place each year, bringing digital skills and know-how to everyone.

Neighbourhood Watch WEEK

13-19 November 2019

NHW and Bunnings combine forces to combat crime.

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

NHW WEEK has a long history of being a successful week of showcasing NHW and crime prevention initiatives to the community, with hundreds of NHW members and volunteers conducting events in their local communities.

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".

NHW Week activities included:

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

NHW WEEK is the time to raise public awareness of NHW and the benefits of belonging to a local NHW group.



EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS



Ulladulla High School students receiving NHWA Streetsmart Handbooks and Journals from NHW members, NSW

Streetsmart Handbooks

Since 2002, the Streetsmart Handbooks have been delivered to teenagers at secondary schools. They provide friendly positive approaches for youth on important topics relevant to them as they transition into adult life.

Moving into adulthood is an exciting time. It is filled with new opportunities, adventures and freedoms, waiting to be explored and discovered. But it can be a scary time too. Suddenly being faced with a whole new range of decisions and responsibilities that you have never had to deal with before.

Topics include cyber bullying, depression, social behaviour in the community, dangers of drugs, alcohol and much more. They also give teenagers and their families details of places and organisations to contact whenever they need assistance.

NHWA's partnership with the Streetsmart Handbooks promotes the NHWA goal of creating a safe, connected and inclusive community, where people feel empowered, informed and engaged with one another and with Police.



NHWA Journal

The NHWA Journal is printed and distributed across Australia and New Zealand 3 times a year. Over 10,000 copies are printed and distributed free of charge to Neighbourhood Watch members, groups and policing organisations as well as an extensive email database.

Copies of the NHWA Journal are also available via paid subscription for hard copies, or free for electronic copies to all members of the public at nhwa.com.au.



NHWA Awards



NHWA Volunteer of the Year and Police Commissioner's awards, presented in Canberra, Nov 2019 by Minister for Home Affairs the Hon. Peter Dutton MP to NHWA Board members, staff and Queensland Police.



Police Commissioner's Award
NHWA Police Commissioner's Award 2019 presented to Leading Senior Constable Joe Clarke with a Junior NHW class at Mildura South School, Victoria.

Volunteer of the Year Award
NHWA 2019 Malcolm Grant OAM Volunteer of the Year Award presented by Queensland Police Service Superintendent Glenn Morris to recipient Ken Rehbein, with wife Claire and family members in Mackay, Queensland.



ThinkUKnow Awards
ThinkUKnow Volunteer of the Year awards ceremony held at Parliament House, Canberra in December 2019, with the Minister for Home Affairs the Hon. Peter Dutton MP presenting the award to recipient Graham Higgerson, Geelong NHW, Victoria.

FINANCIAL REPORT

During the financial year 2019-2020, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Limited has utilised the \$800,000 grant received from the Federal Government. This grant has been made available through the Department of Home Affairs for the 2019-2021 financial years to deliver six specific projects, namely:

- Community Capacity Project – a NHW and University of Queensland Survey;
- Reporting Training;
- NHW International Conference;
- Media Engagement;
- Youth Engagement Program; and
- Break the Cycle.

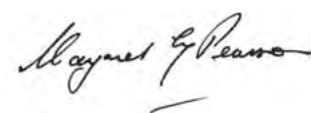
Through the outstanding effort of the CEO, additional new funding has been obtained from other sources to supplement that received from the Federal Government, thus enabling additional projects to be undertaken. Such grants have been received from IMB Bank and for the Be Connected project.

Since the COVID-19 lockdown, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW), like many other organisations, has had to pivot and adapt to the new normal. Fortunately, we were already regularly utilising video conference technology, which made the transition to working and connecting online seamless. Monthly board meetings and committee meetings have continued effectively via online technology.

We would like to thank our many supporters for their contributions to the work being undertaken by the organisation and for the financial support that has been made available.

NHWA continues to source additional funding to enable it to maintain and expand its various activities in line with its Strategic Plan.

Best regards



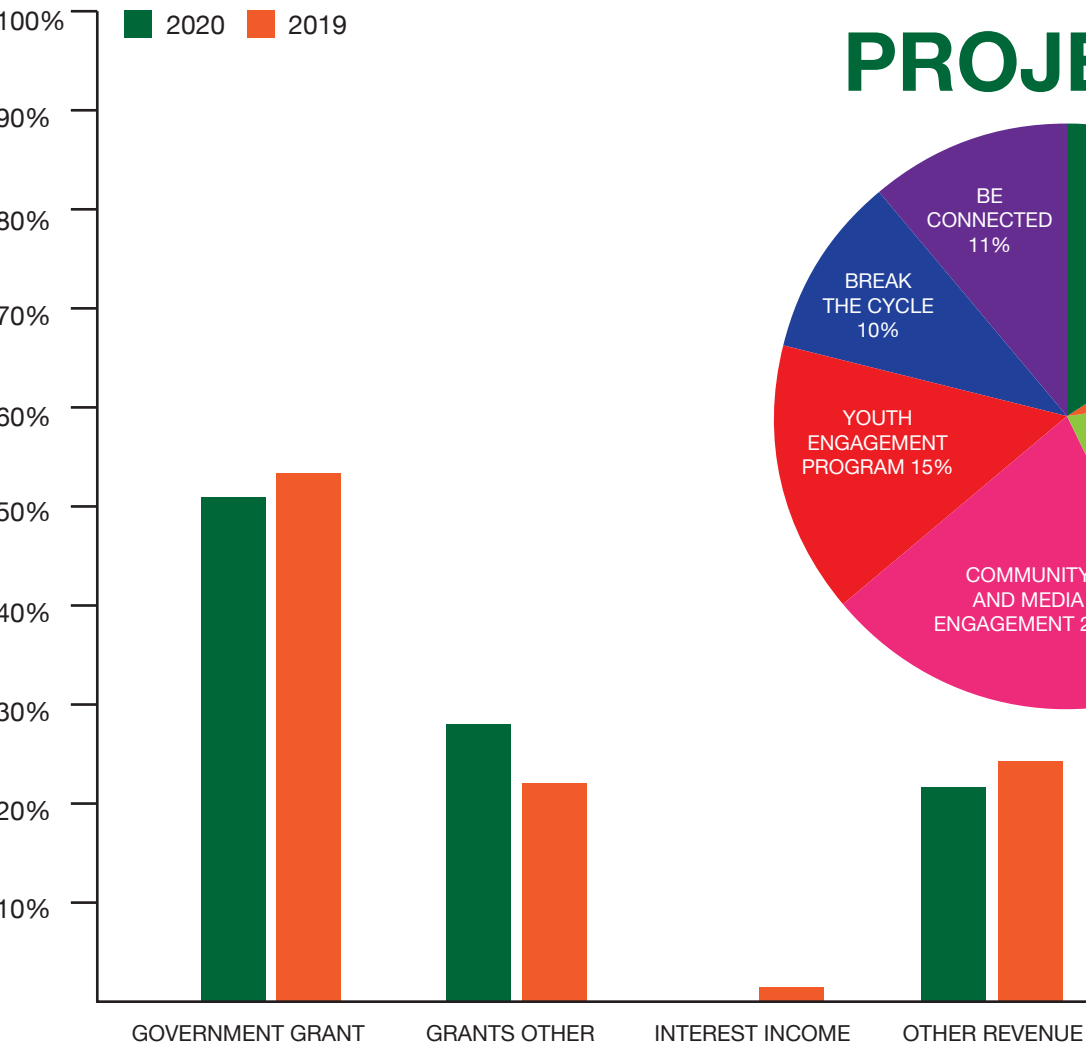
Margaret Pearson
Company Secretary



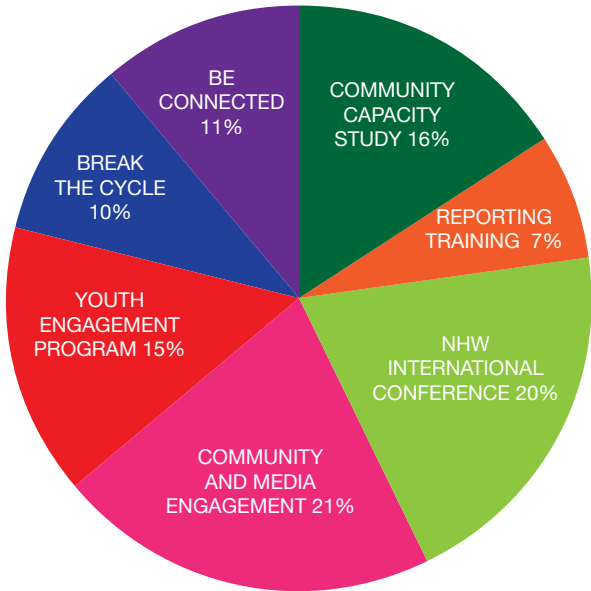
BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2020				
Assets	2020	2019	Variance \$	Variance %
Cash on Hand	\$649,906	\$316,807	\$333,099	105%
Accounts Receivable	\$6,875	\$19,860	-\$12,985	-65%
Total Current Assets	\$656,781	\$336,667	\$320,114	95%
Total Assets	\$656,781	\$336,667	\$320,114	95%
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$1,115	-\$1,115	-100%
Employee Liabilities	\$36,199	\$24,253	\$11,946	49%
GST	\$25,694	\$22,513	\$3,181	14%
Income Received in Advance	\$543,058	\$112,500	\$430,558	383%
Total Current Liabilities	\$604,951	\$160,380	\$444,571	277%
Total Liabilities	\$604,951	\$160,380	\$444,571	277%
Net Assets	\$51,830	\$176,287	-\$124,457	-71%
Equity				
Current Year Earnings	-\$121,381	-\$110,672	-\$10,709	10%
Retained Earnings	\$173,211	\$286,959	-\$113,748	-40%
Total Equity	\$51,830	\$176,287	-\$124,457	-71%

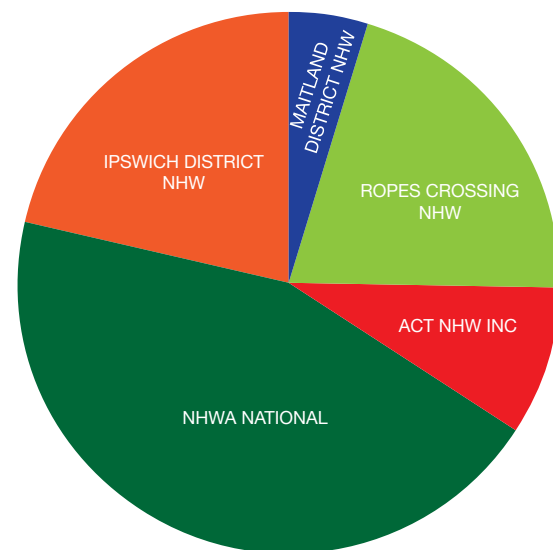
INCOME



MAJOR PROJECTS



GRANTS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Over \$120,000 in grants sourced for NHTA community projects

During the 2020 financial year, NHTA assisted over 50 Neighbourhood Watch groups with sourcing over \$120,000 in funding for their local community events and projects.

Grant allocation summary:

1. ACT NHTA Inc, ACT – \$10,909
2. Maitland District NHTA, NSW – 7 NHTA groups \$6,000
3. Ropes Crossing NHTA, NSW – \$25,000
4. NHTA, National – 36 NHTA groups nationally \$54,000
5. Ipswich District NHTA, QLD – 10 NHTA groups \$25,525

1. Australian Capital Territory NHTA, ACT – Multicultural Brochures – over \$10,900

Project: The funds for this project were generously donated by the IMB Bank Community Foundation (ICF) and were used to produce and translate 5 Diagrammatic brochures into 5 different languages including Arabic, Burmese, Hazaragi, Simplified Chinese and Sudanese for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) members of the community on the following topics:

1. Protect Yourself - Personal Safety
2. Protect Your Vehicle - Vehicle Safety
3. Protect Your Home - Home Security
4. Be a Good Neighbour - Being Neighbourly
5. Be Safe and Secure – Safety Tips

The brochures were distributed through Neighbourhood Watch ACT to the Red Cross. The brochures are also available nationally through Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHTA).

Jeremy Leonard from Red Cross said “The brochures produced by Neighbourhood Watch Australasia are great visual tools that we use to promote a sense of safety, security and belonging and to build the knowledge and skills of refugees and humanitarian entrants”.

Status - completed



2. Maitland District NHTA, NSW – Maitland City Council - \$6,000

Project: In 2019, 7 Neighbourhood Watch NSW groups were fortunate enough to be awarded a Maitland City Council ‘Annual Community Grant’. Each group was awarded \$857.15 to provide initiatives that meet community needs and benefit residents from the Maitland Local Government Area.

Recipients:

- Metford NHTA
- Telarah NHTA
- Woodberry NHTA
- Heritage Parc NHTA
- Aberglasslyn/ Rutherford NHTA
- Gillieston Hts NHTA
- Millers Forrest NHTA

Status – in progress

3. Ropes Crossing NHTA, NSW – My Community – \$25,000

Project: Ropes Crossing Neighbourhood Watch was a successful recipient of the NSW Government ‘My Community Projects Grant’ in 2019. The group received a total of \$25,000 to fund their various projects, which included equipment for patrols, brochures, newsletters, wheelie bin signs and outdoor equipment.

Status – in progress

4. Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, National – Get Online Week – \$54,000

Recipients: 36 NHTA groups nationally

Status – completed

Project: NHTA groups held morning and afternoon teas, hands on training sessions, BBQ’s, information sessions and even an AGM all during Get Online Week to focus on the importance of being online and improving digital skills.



5. Ipswich District NHTA, QLD – Advancing Queensland – over \$25,500

Recipients: Ipswich District 10 NHTA groups

Status – in progress

Road safety statistics: Drivers over 60 are 25% of licensed drivers, however, they are 33% of the drivers in fatal crashes.

The Seniors Road Trip to Road Safety project is funded by the 2019-2020 Advancing Queensland - An Age-Friendly Community Grants Program which is an initiative of the Department of Communities, Disabilities and Seniors.

The purpose of the project is to deliver strategies and information to mature drivers, to keep them safe on Queensland roads. Presentation topics include the Fatal Five ‘age, dementia, medications, alcohol and drugs’, as well as standard drinks, Jet’s Law, vehicle safety and security, safe towing, PCYC Braking the Cycle program and mentors, and Road Rules and Roundabouts.



Volunteers and Members

To the many thousands of Volunteers and Members of Neighbourhood Watch in Australia and Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand, we sincerely thank you.

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ThinkUKnow Program

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Bank, Microsoft and Datacom, and delivered in partnership with all State and Territory Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The cyber safety presentations sensitively cover a range of topics including sexting, cyber bullying, online child exploitation, online privacy, and importantly what to do when something goes wrong.

Presentations are aimed at parents, carers and teachers and young people from Kindergarten to Grade 12.



Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood Support and Policing jurisdictions

“The Police are the Public and the Public are the Police.”

This quote by Sir Robert Peel in 1829, is as relevant now as it was nearly 200 years ago. It epitomises the collaboration that is essential between the community and police working together to bring about safer communities and reducing crime.

The future of effective crime prevention lies within the strong partnerships between communities and Police, as we work together to achieve common goals and create safer, inclusive and more resilient communities.



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