



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW)

Queensland Police Service

Joint Media Statement

Mrs Wendy Walker receives the Malcolm Grant OAM Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Volunteer of the Year Award for dedicated service to the Mountain Creek Neighbourhood Watch

The award, named after Malcolm Grant OAM, known for his immense contribution to the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) movement, recognises the outstanding contribution of an individual who demonstrates continual support to NHW. Wendy has been the driving force behind the Glenfield's NHW program and took over as Area Coordinator of Mountain Creek NHW when they both merged in 2014. Some of the projects she has been directly involved in are the first Sunshine Coast speed reduction program '50 in my Street', oversaw the installation of electronic VMS speed detection signs, designed and distributing 2000 emergency number magnets to residents, coordinated the 25 years celebration of the Mountain Creek NHW in 2017, introduced a Mountain Creek NHW facebook page to stay in touch with residents and continually applying for financial grants for the benefit of her community.

Ms Maria Bennett, Chief Executive Officer of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) said "Neighbourhood Watch members are the eyes and ears of the Police in every street and in every community. It is inspiring to see the dedication of NHW volunteers like Wendy. It's a credit to all NHW volunteers in Australia for the tireless work that they do. Congratulations to Wendy for truly outstanding service and earning the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Malcolm Grant Volunteer of the Year Award".

The District Officer of the Sunshine Coast Superintendent Darryl Johnson said "Neighbourhood Watch here on the Sunshine Coast have strong partnerships with local police. Wendy is a 'true believer' and is a leader in our community and has driven many projects and strategies to make our communities safer. I congratulate her on this recognition for her contribution'.

Mrs Walker said "I am honoured to receive this award I find giving back my time and effort into each of our projects for our Mountain Creek community is very rewarding, and helps make our suburb a safer place which to live".

Inspector Les Bulluss, Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch, said “There are 11,000 registered volunteers throughout the State, working together with Queensland Police Service to make our neighbourhoods safer, stronger and friendlier”.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland celebrates 31 years of operation this year. Their priorities are crime prevention and public safety and are closely aligned with police services. Local NHW groups collaborate to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour in their regions and research and implement appropriate crime prevention strategies.



Left to right: Inspector Les Bulluss (NHWA Board member), Ms Maria Bennett (NHWA CEO), Volunteer of the Year nominee Ms Edith Blanck (Bli Bli NHW), Police Commissioners Award nominee Sgt Yvette TARRIER (District Crime Prevention), NHWA Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Mrs Wendy Walker (Mt Creek NHW) and Superintendent Darryl Johnson (District Officer, Sunshine Coast District).

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