



# Neighbourhood Watch



## *NORTH ROCKHAMPTON NHW #4*

Come & join us Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 PM for our next meeting which will be our AGM at Nerimbera Soccer Club, Horton Street.

*KEEP WATCHING OUT FOR EACH OTHER*



**Come and hear about the exciting changes in NHW that are ahead of us. The theme of our recent State NHW Conference was "Strengthen the connection of our neighbourhoods". Come and be a part of the discussion to help us work together to achieve this.**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Officers from the Rockhampton Road Policing Unit are aware of complaints being received in relation to the actions of drivers using various suburban streets as a 'rat run' in an attempt to avoid traffic lights and congestion on major roads. Streets such as Hyde, Cruikshank, Plahn and Venables are some of the locations where this is occurring.

While there is no specific offence for 'rat running', the actions of these drivers often result in complaints relating to speed and manner of driving. Road Policing Officers are regularly conducting mobile radar patrols through these streets using both marked and unmarked vehicles. These patrols have detected a variety of offences including speed, seatbelt and other offences. Officers will continue to include these locations in their patrols in the future in an effort to detect and deter these offences.

### **UNLOCKED CARS**

A large number of offences have been committed recently where cars and/or their contents have been stolen. It is obvious that many of those cases have involved cars having been left unlocked.

Police want to remind the community that it is an offence not to secure your vehicle when you are not using it. The penalty for failing to secure your vehicle is a \$48 fine. Police do not want to issue members of the community with infringement notices for this offence, and would much rather work in partnership with the community by implementing strategies to prevent property crime from occurring.

### **DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS?**

Neighbours can play a huge role in preventing crimes such as burglary and theft. Ensure your house is visible to neighbours and passers-by so that any offenders can be more easily observed.

If you don't already know your neighbours, try to get to know them. Exchange telephone numbers and 'keep an eye out' for each other's homes. Neighbours can decrease prowling, loitering and burglary by being observant and reporting suspicious people or vehicles to police.

Inform your neighbours if you are planning a trip away and ask them to assist with placing rubbish bins out at the usual collection time and collecting your mail so that your house has a 'lived in look'.

### **WHAT IS A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?**

A good neighbour:

- Is friendly, helpful and approachable, ready to help out when needed
- Checks on you if they haven't seen you for a few days (particularly the elderly)
- Keeps an eye on your home when you're away - picks up papers/mail, waters the garden
- Takes a meal to a sick neighbour - cleans house/ mows/ waters & weeds garden - anything needed
- Watches out for your children when playing in the neighbourhood
- Observes the speed limit driving down local streets
- Keeps noise to a minimum; let's you know when a party is planned & ends party by midnight
- Doesn't obstruct your driveway
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### 2017 MEETING DATES

The first NHW meeting for 2017 will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Nerimbera Soccer Club, Horton St, Koongal. Dates and places for future meetings will be decided there.

As our numbers at these meetings have grown, we need to change to a larger venue.

Any enquiries: please contact our Secretary Jan McSweeney on **0476 449 826** or email her at **nawnorthrocky4@gmail.com**

### CONTACTS

#### ALL EMERGENCIES – RING 000

Anyone with information which could assist with solving any crime should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or [crimestoppers.com.au](http://crimestoppers.com.au) 24hrs a day. Crime Stoppers is a registered charity and community volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.

For all non-urgent police reporting, contact Policelink on 131 444 or via their website [Policelink.qld.gov.au](http://Policelink.qld.gov.au).

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