OUR HOLIDAY HOOD

Stories & Projects from Neighbourhood Watch Groups across Queensland

Our Vision
To create strong, safe, interactive and inclusive communities where neighbours feel supported and valued

Our Mission
To engage and connect individuals, families, businesses and communities for a safe and united Queensland

Our Values
Safety
Participation
Inclusion

This newsletter has been compiled by the NHWQ Community Advisory Committee to be distributed to all Queensland Neighbourhood Watch Community Groups
LOCKTOBER

Pine Rivers District Crime Prevention Coordinators launched Locktober in… you guessed it, October!! The project was all about promoting property and home security in the lead up to Christmas.

Eight events were held across the region which were held in collaboration with Pine Rivers Crime Prevention Unit, Crime Stoppers, PCYC, VIP’s in Policing and NHW Strathpine and Bray Park.

Special merchandise, Home Safety Audits and other checklists were handed out to locals to promote the importance of Lock It or Lose it!

SECURITY WITH LOCK ALARMS

Mount Isa Neighbourhood Watch launched the sale of Lock Alarms at a recent Show & Shine, which was a display for Father’s Day of cars, boats and other big boys’ toys, put on by Buffs Club of Mount Isa.

Lock Alarms are alarmed security lock devices which emit a 100-120 decibel alarm when the wires of the lock device have been cut or the lock tampered with. They are great to secure portable fridges, tool boxes, garden sheds, fences or gates.

To ensure that everyone in the community was able to access these effective security devices, Mount Isa sold them at a price everyone could afford.

SAFE STREET VISIT

Police from the North Brisbane Crime Prevention office visited Fitzgibbon and Carseldine for a Safe Street Visit, May, 6459.

A Safe Street Visit involves Police setting up a mobile stall in suburban streets, and sharing information with residents on local crime trends and crime prevention techniques.

This project, Watching Out for your Street, is a joint initiative of the Queensland Police Service and North Brisbane District Neighbourhood Watch and has been made possible by the Suncorp Insurance Safer Queensland Community Grants.
THE COFFEE CUP PROJECT: Update

Sunshine Coast Neighbourhood Watch groups joined with their local council and police in 2015 to show that Domestic Violence will not tolerated (See In Our Hood September 2015)

You may recall that this project was started to bring the messages, “Not Now. Not Ever”, and “Domestic Violence is not okay”, which has been printed onto the lids of Coffee cups across the Sunshine Coast.

Since the implementation of this project, and due to the incredible partnerships in the Sunshine Coast Neighbourhood Watch Community; an incredible seventeen coffee shops have since picked up the baton and become advocates for change against Domestic Violence.

DOGS ON PATROL

The Chermside/Wavell Heights NHW group along with North Brisbane Crime Prevention had a successful day at their first Dogs On Patrol event in October.

Dogs On Patrol is about encouraging residents to be vigilant about their personal safety while out and about. It also encourages people to take note of suspicious activities and to report them to Police, via Policelink.

COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES ACROSS THE STATE

Mount Isa Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with Mount Isa Self Defence & Mount Isa PCYC

SAFE WALKING

Mount Isa Walking Group is aimed at keeping members of the community together, keeping on the lookout for vandalism or criminal activity and highlighting the importance of personal and property safety.

OUR PERSONAL SAFETY

WOMEN’S SELF-DEFENCE CLASSES

Ladies! Register for FREE self-defence lessons! Perfect for teenage girls and ladies of any age! Register early, places are limited!

INTRODUCTION SESSIONS
26 Oct 2015, 6pm-7:30pm OR
28 Oct 2015, 6pm-7:30pm

FOLLOW UP SESSIONS
9 Nov 2015, 6pm-7:30pm OR
11 Nov 2015, 6pm-7:30pm

CLASSES @ PCYC MOUNT ISA

Mount Isa Neighbourhood Watch in partnership

OUR WATCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MOUNT ISA

OUR WATCH WALKING GROUP
SUNDAY 8.00AM—1 NOV 2015
WALK STARTING AT OUTBACK @ ISA
FREE BREAKFAST & DRINKS FOR WALKERS!
EVERYONE WELCOME!
COME AND JOIN OUR WATCH FOR FUN, HEALTH, FITNESS AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS!

Mount Isa Walking Group is aimed at keeping members of the community together, keeping on the lookout for vandalism or criminal activity and highlighting the importance of personal and property safety.
The Neighbourhood Watch community across Queensland hosted a multitude of community events throughout the state to celebrate the community and the festive season. These events enabled communities to come together and connect with people from all walks of life to share fun, food and friendship. It was also a great opportunity to share valuable information about what Neighbourhood Watch is all about.

The Doolandella (South-West Brisbane) Christmas Party was held in the Wallaroo Way Community Park. Santa in his cave handed out treats to children from the community. Six lucky children were drawn to receive a Christmas Teddy Bear while music was supplied by the Polynesian Boys Choir and the band ‘Dekades’.

The Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund contributed funding, with support from local councillors, and local State and Federal Government Ministers.

Strathpine NHW attended the first ever Twilight Markets organised by PCYC Pine Rivers in mid November. “We were set up side by side with Crime Stoppers at the front entrance and gave out merchandise, information on Online Safety and raised money through our Christmas Raffle. The event attracted over 1000 people in its first year which was a great opportunity to be visibly working with the community and in conjunction with other Crime Prevention Groups. The 2016 event will be even bigger and better.

You Can’t Stop Santa

Strathpine NHW’s Christmas Carols were sadly cancelled due to the never-ending rain on December 12th but there was a silver lining behind the clouds... our local Santa suffered the heat in his full red suit but still delivered 60 Lolly Bags from the event to several locations across Pine Rivers spreading the Christmas cheer to our local children. The remaining lollies went into the Christmas Hampers organised through Encircle, our local Neighbourhood Centre.

Hillcrest Neighbourhood Watch instigated a Santa Lolly Drop delivering over 40 kilos of lollies to the children in the area. Santa was escorted safely by Browns Plains Police

Lower Sunnybank Hills held a Christmas Function with a Movie.

Park Ridge South held a Carols in the Park with brass band, local choir, community singing, nativity scene, puppet show and Santa & Rural Fire Brigade.

Crestmead held a Games & Activities Day suitable for all levels of fitness including being seated.

Petersen Road Caboolture 18 held a Movie Under the Stars, “Surf’s Up”, in October. It was also an opportunity to sign up new members.

Five Neighbourhood Watch Groups in Nambour combined together to promote NHW to a steady stream of visitors at the Nambour Together Event.

Brinsmead held a free Open Air “The Lego Movie” in November

Kearney Spring held a Family Day in May

Boondall 23NHW, North Brisbane Crime Prevention and Boondall Police joined forces to set up a shop at Sandgate Road Boondall. Volunteers gave shoppers information about the Policelink App as well as crime prevention.
KIDS AT RISK

Palm Cove Neighbourhood Watch sponsored Project Booyah in Cairns which is a community initiative to assist at risk kids 13 to 16 years old. It is co-ordinated by the police.

Palm Cove NHW and the Cairns Regional Council this year made a donation of $300 to this Project. The Palm Cove Group intends to make this Project their permanent legacy in 2016.

“We believe this initiative really works in places such as this where a small group of youths can make or break policing efforts.”

SKATEBOARDING IN MACKAY

Slade Point Neighbourhood Watch are running a free youth skateboard design workshop on January 16th 2016, at the Slade Point Community Centre. Activities include graffiti, stencilling, wood burning, and design demonstrations.

On the 31st January there will be a day in the park at Slade Point Skate Park, when judging will take place and prizes will be awarded. Lots of free activities, giveaways, tribal and henna body painting, free sausage sizzle, art displays, coffee van and free workshop on skateboard and scoot-

FIVE PEOPLE TO CALL ON

At the Twin Waters Residents Birthday in the Park, local Neighbourhood Watch members distributed pamphlets from the Daniel Morcom Foundation to raise awareness on child safety.

Young children were educated on who a safe person was and were left able to identify five people who they could call on in an emergency.

DRUG INFO

In November, Mount Ommaney Neighbourhood Watch held an Illicit Drug Information Night for years 11 and 12 students and their parents.

SCHOOLIES

A parents and students seminar was held in October by North Brisbane District Crime Prevention Unit to help school leavers experience a Safe Schoolies.

A variety of information was presented including laws and consequences, rights and responsibilities and common problems faced by students at Schoolies.

OUR FUTURE LEADERS

For the seventh year, Innes Park Neighbourhood Watch presented Awards to two local Primary Schools, Elliott Heads and Woongarra. The award is for a student who has demonstrated Neighbourhood Watch values through the year. Students had their names engraved on the shield and had the choice of a $50 book voucher or $50 into their school bank account.
TURNING THE SCREWS ON CRIME

In an attempt to foil registration plate theft, many areas have organised the fitting of irreversible screws to registration plates, which can only be removed by using a special tool. Such events are often a combined initiative between NHW, Police and Crime Stoppers.

Sandgate Neighbourhood Watch Group 8 hosted such an event in October for local residents, offering the installation of one-way screws for car registration plates. Volunteer in Policing, Robert Berrey, was there to help out with the installations.

A free barbecue and security information were provided by Sergeant Leanne Eggins, Senior Constable Russell Mounfield and SC Carol Spurdle. The event was hosted within the grounds of the Masonic Care precinct and was well attended by both Lodge and local residents.

50 IN MY STREET

This wheelie bin sticker project has been popular throughout the state, in an attempt to reduce speeding on residential streets. These highly visible stickers are a great way to remind people to slow down in residential streets.

Bundaberg & District and Petersen Road Caboolture 18 are the latest to have obtained funding for this scheme. Both are eagerly waiting to complete the project.

Crestmead moved fast in adopting Mount Isa’s successful Car Sunshades, printed with the message, NO CASH OR VALUABLES IN THIS VEHICLE. This is a great way to help prevent theft from vehicles and protect your vehicle from the sun at the same time.
A SCARY NIGHT

Heathwood Neighbourhood Watch held a **Picnic in the Dark** on October 75st. There were plenty of scares during the evening with weird costumes and face masks. Overall the event provided a safe space for the children in the community to celebrate.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Following burglaries on local farming communities, Gympie District Neighbourhood Watch wanted to raise awareness about the security of homes and machinery in their local and rural farming communities. The team developed self-audit check lists and printed flyers with security information for rural farmers and organised engraving of farm machinery. Local feed stores were targeted as a means of connecting with rural property owners while advertising was done through newspapers and television, making this a very successful project.

TRIVIA IN THE FAR NORTH

From Mark Ellwood:

“**Palm Cove** has run a number of successful Trivia Nights and plan more for 2016. The latest Trivia Night was held at the Palm Cove Tavern and 80 people attended. Over $1000 was raised with raffle prizes donated by local businesses. “These nights have contributed $1000’s of dollars to our coffers which keep us financial and viable. We spend some of the money on our NHW expenses, our Xmas party and bank the rest for ‘crime prevention, safety and security’ issues that arise.

“These events truly involve the whole community and are eagerly sort after as local entertainment.”

This telephone card was designed for the **Pioneer Valley**/**Finch Hatton** group for an Information Day held this year. It is similar to a very successful card created a few years ago by Northern Beaches (Mackay), when 6000 were distributed. It was printed in an easy-to-read A5 size.
North Brisbane Neighbourhood Watch groups were involved in a Corporate entry into the Brissie to the Bay Bike Ride in June 6459. The Ride is in support of Multiple Sclerosis. The 544k event started and finished at Musgrave Park in South Brisbane.

SCODY provided some “good priced” cycling jerseys for the team, which advertised Neighbourhood Watch. The team was gathered from all over South East Queensland.

![Sergeant Lucas Hampson, Sergeant Trad Thornton, Senior Sergeant Brian Moss, Senior Constable Darren Conradi](image)

**RUNNING For Neighbourhood Watch**

Our Lisa Parker from Strathpine finds every opportunity to promote NHW. She competed in the Bridge to Brisbane 2015 in the name of Neighbourhood Watch.

![Sgt Thornton combines his running program with his babysitting duties and his promotion of Neighbourhood Watch](image)
Volunteer of the Year: Administration & Marketing Coordinator, Stephanie McCallum of Mount Isa NHW, won Volunteer of the Year for Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

Gold Coast District Neighbourhood Watch received an award from the City of Gold Coast Safer Suburbs Awards 2015 under the Community Project Category. This was for their Cyber Crime and Fraud Forum, designed to help elderly residents understand the pitfalls of internet technology.

Gateway Patrol Group of the North Brisbane District NHW (36 active local groups) awarded NHW Gold Lapels to three members whose “dedication and commitment are inspirational.” They were Eric Gail and Narelle Hoelsl of Boondall 18, and Brian Jones of Carseldine 1.

At their Christmas Party 2015, Petersen Road Caboolture 18 presented 17 NHW lapels in bronze and silver.

In August members from Murgon NHW received bronze and silver lapels, presented by Elvis Guzic.

At a Festive Dinner, Ipswich District presented awards to the various NHW groups across the area.

Is Mary the oldest blockie in Queensland?

Mrs Mary Mills, from Bundaberg 1—Kepnock, cutting the Christmas cake. She is Zone Coordinator and a ‘blockie’ delivering to 37 houses. Mary is 95 years old

APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTERS NHWQ

Palm Cove Group held their Christmas Party at Peppers Beach Club and Spa Palm Cove, which was attended by forty-two people.

Peppers are their major Corporate Supporters. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to the outgoing GM of Peppers Mr Christopher Northam and retiring NHWQ Palm Cove Group Committee Member and Events Co-ordinator, Mrs Gaynor Moran.

NHWQ Palm Cove Group believes this type of events thanks the general community for their support throughout the year. They will continue.

Collingwood Park NHW, a new group within the Ipswich District, received a cheque towards the expenses of setting up

Ms Tracey Woolford of Augustine Heights NHW received the Bronze Lapel Badge Award Ipswich at a Festive Dinner.
WE VALUE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR REGULAR AND ESTABLISHED PARTNERS

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POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIPS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER

- **Management at Shopping Centres** are often pleased to permit displays and information booths free of charge, and may donate goods and services to the cause.

- Mackay NHW has become actively involved with The Northern Beaches **Community Network** which is made up of a number of businesses and community groups with input by Mackay Regional Council.

- Mackay NHW also joins with "**Shed Happens**" to hold Men’s Breakfast get togethers at various beaches on a quarterly basis.

- Beerwah partnered with the **Lions** to create Welcome Kits for newcomers to their district.

- Gold Coast District NHW organised a Disaster Survival Forum (FREE) calling on expertise of Local Council **Disaster Management**, Queensland Police, SES and RSPCA (don’t forget about Fluffy).

- The Twin Waters NHW teamed up with the **Daniel Morcombe Foundation** to help the Foundation with their important message.

Bald Hills Neighbourhood Watch came to the rescue of the Bald Hills Bushies. This is a group of local Bald Hills residents who meet regularly at Barungwarra Bushland Reserve to look after the local flora around the Barungwarra Bushland Reserve area. Recently, the ‘Bushies’ shed was broken into and garden tools and wheelbarrows were stolen by unknown persons.

NHW donated $300 towards the cost of replacing some of the stolen tools. However, another donation meant that the tools had already been replaced, so the money would be spent on purchasing some additional plants to further encourage birds and other wildlife into the area.
CONNECTING THROUGH FACE BOOK

https://www.facebook.com/

NORTH BRISBANE
NHW Redland Bay
Kallangur & Surrounding Neighbour Watch

SOUTH BRISBANE DISTRICT
Jindalee Neighbourhood Watch
Lower Sunnybank Hills NHW
Annerley 5 Neighbourhood Watch
Lakewood Neighbourhood Watch
Kangaroo Point Neighbourhood Watch
Heathwood Neighbourhood Watch

LOGAN DISTRICT
Hillcrest Neighbourhood Watch
Jimboomba Neighbourhood Watch
Jimboomba Rural Watch
Park Ridge South Neighbourhood Watch

GOLD COAST
Palm Beach Gold Coast Neighbourhood Watch
Willow Vale & Community Neighbourhood Watch
Upper Coomera Neighbourhood Watch
Jacobs Ridge Neighbourhood Watch
Tweed Heads West Neighbourhood Watch
Tugun Neighbourhood Watch

SUNSHINE COAST
Bokarina Neighbourhood Watch
Burnside Nambour 5 NHW Group
Neighbourhood Watch Woorim

WIDE BAY
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Moore Park Beach Neighbourhood Watch
Innes Park Neighbourhood Watch
Imbil Rural Watch

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Petersen Road Neighbourhood Watch Caboolture 18

CAPRICORNIA
Gracemere Neighbourhood Watch
Gladstone Park Neighbourhood Watch

MACKAY
Neighbourhood Watch Mackay

MOUNT ISA
Mount Isa Neighbourhood Watch

TOWNSVILLE
Townsville Neighbourhood Watch

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Augustine heights Ipswich Neighbourhood Watch

SOUTH WEST
Roma Neighbourhood Watch
Charleville Neighbourhood Watch

FAR NORTH
Brinsmead Neighbourhood Watch
Clifton Beach Neighbourhood Watch
YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

Innes Park Neighbourhood Watch will be repeating a successful project from a few years ago, when a local school composite grade 5&6 took over a page of their newsletter. At that time, students interviewed Rural Fire Fighters from their town, wrote reports, and created puzzles and riddles to attract child readers. Details for 2016 are yet to be sorted, but given the giant strides in technology in the classrooms, no doubt the children will...

NEIGHBOUR DAY 2016

Fast approaching in March. Doesn’t matter how you celebrate, just get the neighbours together.

Generally celebrated in March, Keperra Neighbourhood Watch held a Get Smart, Get Neighbourly day in August 2015.

Bike engraving, Security Screws, Sausage Sizzle—all were part of the activity. It was a way of promoting their new group, formed in March.

DON’T FORGET DAD

Any reason is a good one for Neighbourhood Watch to promote their mission.

In conjunction with a Shopping Centre Management, a New South Wales Neighbourhood Watch Group held a Father’s Day Event.

This featured Dad Activities—turning the screws, engraving, — plus NHW promotion ‘goody bags’ and card making facility for kids. There was also a photo opportunity: posing Dad with police gear, riot squad helmets, police motorcycle, and also the Fire Brigade.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Toogum use the simple but effective and personable methods of connecting with new people in the area.

Kevin Blacka, Area Coordinator of Toogum (Wide Bay) visits new home owners in the area and provides beneficial information about the Neighbourhood Watch group along with an invitation to join. This has seen many families become involved and take ownership of their local area as a community.