



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Stafford 2 Area

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**NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD GATHERING - AT THE MEETING ROOM, DOWNFALL CREEK
 BUSHLAND CENTRE, 815 RODE ROAD, WEST CHERMSIDE- 7:00 PM. 8TH FEBRUARY, 2017.**

Area Co-Ordinator's Column

Dear Neighbour,

From the Stafford 2 Neighbourhood Watch committee we trust you had a great Christmas and have a safe and healthy 2017.

This year we are intending to hold neighbourhood gatherings every three months at the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre on Rode Road, Chermside West. We will be trialling evening get-togethers to enable working families to attend.

It is our intention to make these opportunities for residents to meet and interact with other residents in our neighbourhood and to express any concerns in regard to the safety of our families young and old.

We also hope to invite leaders from our police and other emergency services to attend our gatherings, and to inform residents on how they may contribute to the safety of theirs' and others' family and property, and of the latest developments in their respective fields.

During our first gathering on Wednesday 8th February there will be a presentation on the Queensland Government's helicopter rescue operations including graphic video of the Grantham flood disaster in January 2011 and other Queensland hazardous rescues.

Free USBs and DVDs on "How to get help from a Rescue Helicopter" will be available for keen bushwalkers and four wheel drive enthusiasts.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th February.

Best regards,
 Bill Mattes

If it is an emergency or the crime is happening now call triple ZERO (000).

NON-URGENT police reporting or enquiries. If it is not an emergency and the crime has already happened contact **POLICELINK** on **131 444**

You can report crime anonymously
CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000

To report a pattern of some regular suspicious behaviour or an element of criminality.

If you have any information that might help solve a crime.

Available 24 hours 7 days.

Crime Stoppers pass information on to the Queensland Police Service for investigation.

www.crimestoppersqld.com.au to report on line or for details of phone app.

STAFFORD POLICE 3364 1800

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(13 4666)

SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88

DON'T WAIT FOR A MEETING - RING OR E-MAIL YOUR COMMITTEE

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DID YOU NOTICE ABOVE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME OF THE FEBRUARY GATHERING


AND IN BILL'S COLUMN THE OFFER OF FREE DVDs & USBs TO BUSHWALKERS & 4WD ENTHUSIASTS



More NHW information at
<http://stafford.nhwq.org>
www.facebook.com/NHWQStafford2

QUEENSLAND NHW CONFERENCE

Representatives of NHW groups from many parts of Queensland along with three members of your Committee (including newly elected Area Co-ordinator Bill Mattes) attended. Highlights were :-

- The genuinely friendly, harmonious relationship between the Police and members of NHW. Many policemen and police-women are members of NHW groups. Some are office-holders.
- Speakers from other states said they were envious of the way NHW and the Police work together in Queensland.
-  "Cuppa and a Chat". A project of The Northern Beaches NHW near Mackay.

They have a trailer equipped with a barbecue and hold quite a few events at various beaches in the area but specialise in the regular "Cuppa" events.



The unveiling of Seymour, the NHW Mascot.

- Seymour is modelled on an Australian Barking Owl. He (the costume anyway) is available from NHWQ headquarters for Neighbourhood Watch events.
- Senior Constable Diana Kratochvil from Stafford Police awarded NHWQ Liaison Officer of the Year.
- There were many favourable comments about the success and the bright future of "Dogs on Patrol" which Stafford Area 2 has supported since its inception.

AGENDA - NEIGHBOURHOOD GATHERING

- Welcome & Area Co-ordinator Report, including current actions and financial report.
- Agenda items requested by residents by telephone, Facebook or e-mail, group discussion.
- Presentation – Helicopter Rescue

TELEPHONE SCAMS

Never give a caller remote access to your computer.

"Telstra technical department calling"
Some scammers ring and say they are Telstra technicians and that they can rectify a problem they have noticed on your computer if you press certain keys on your computer.

WARNING - If you do as they ask they will be able to control your computer from their location. They can then obtain banking and other private information.

These criminals ring randomly and would not even know whether you have a computer.

JUST HANG UP as soon as you become suspicious.

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION OR QUESTION ABOUT NHW?

Get an answer right away. Ring or e-mail a Committee member. (List on the first page.) Items of general interest will be placed on the Neighbourhood Gathering Agenda.

GOOD NEWS BUT ALSO A WARNING

Crimes NHW Stafford 2 Area from 9/10/2016 to 18/1/2017 Report from Crime Prevention Officer Diana – No offences in more than 4 months...There have been reports from other areas, beyond our boundaries, of criminals being able to gain entry during daylight hours when occupants were at home. This was through unlocked security doors or security doors with the key on the inside of the door.

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