



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER ISSUE

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR ALL POSITIONS AT OUR NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON THE 3rd AUGUST AT 10:00AM AT THE DOWNFALL CREEK BUSHLAND CENTRE (IN THE RAVEN STREET RESERVE, JUST ACROSS RODE ROAD FROM THE DOG PARK).

THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT COMMITTEE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR CURRENT AREA CO-ORDINATOR INTEND TO NOMINATE AGAIN FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. JOE HEGEDUS IS ANTICIPATING OTHER PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO COME UP, AND SO PLANS TO STEP-DOWN FROM THE POSITION OF AREA CO-ORDINATOR BUT REMAIN INVOLVED FROM TIME TO TIME AS A RESIDENT.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION AT THE MAY QUARTERLY MEETING THAT ANYONE WAS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING FOR THE POSITION OF AREA CO-ORDINATOR.

IF WE CAN'T FORM A FULL COMMITTEE, INCLUDING AN AREA CO-ORDINATOR, THEN OUR NHW AREA WILL BECOME "INACTIVE" AND MAY EVENTUALLY FOLD. SURELY NO ONE REALLY WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING FOR THE AREA CO-ORDINATOR POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY, DON KIRKMAN BY PHONE 3359 6869, OR EMAIL don@kirkman.com.au TO ADVISE YOUR INTEREST. THIS CAN BE DONE AT ANY TIME RIGHT UP TO THE DAY OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

HOWEVER, IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT NOMINATING YOU COULD ARRANGE TO MEET ONE, TWO OR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT COMMITTEE, JOE, GLENDA, RICHARD, PETER AND DON TO BECOME ACQUAINTED AND PERHAPS OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION TO CLEAR UP ANY MATTERS YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT. OF COURSE JOE COULD ASSIST ANY NEW AREA COORDINATOR WITH THE ROLE AS HE HAS FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW THE POSITION IS FULFILLED. POLICE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER DIANA HAS TOLD US SHE IS HAPPY FOR ANY INTERESTED FOLKS TO CONTACT HER DIRECT WITH ANY GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN THE STAFFORD POLICE DIVISION.

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MATTERS TO CONSIDER

No doubt you are familiar with Neighbourhood Watch through our newsletter or blog or Facebook, but just a reminder - What is Neighbourhood Watch? Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program which aims to improve the quality of life within a neighbourhood by minimising preventable crime and promoting closer community ties. It is about promoting a healthy and safe environment for all people. The program relies on the community and the Police working together in a partnership to achieve these aims. Basically it's about watching out for your neighbours. It's a proven fact that break & enter occurrences are far less than average in an active NHW area.

The Area Co-ordinator

- Is responsible for organizing and chairing the meetings
- Liaising with the Stafford Police team. This is not a regular occurrence – perhaps 8 or 9 times each year, and usually in response to e-mails.
- The Area Co-ordinator or his/her representative also attends the quarterly Stafford Neighbourhood Watch Divisional Meetings held at the Stafford Police Station.

The committee members comprise the Area Co-ordinator, Assistant Area Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Media Co-ordinator who work together to arrange:

- A regular newsletter, and maintain a blog and facebook page
- Work with Zone & Block Co-ordinators in the distribution of the newsletter.
- Work with other volunteers in NHW events such as awareness projects and registration plate security (one-way) screws.

These duties don't take up much time so please seriously consider nominating yourself or someone else for the position. For only a small contribution of your time you can greatly assist your local community.

As mentioned previously the meeting will be held at Raven Street Reserve, Downfall Creek Bushland Centre just across Rode Road from the dog park on Wednesday the 3rd August at 10:00am to consider and vote for the nominations and to determine the future of our NHW group.

E-MAIL REMINDERS ABOUT MEETINGS

A suggestion was made at the May meeting that e-mails be sent shortly before each meeting to all residents who required reminders about the date, time and venue of the meeting. Please e-mail the Secretary don@kirkman.com.au if you are interested in receiving a reminder.