



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Stafford 2 Area

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**NEXT MEETING - AT THE MEETING ROOM, DOWNFALL CREEK BUSHLAND CENTRE
815 RODE ROAD, McDOWALL - 9:45 FOR 10:00 a.m. 2ND NOVEMBER 2016.**

Area Co-Ordinator's Column

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting due to ongoing work commitments; however, I was honoured to be voted in as the new Area Coordinator at the Annual General Meeting.

I look forward to serving residents of Stafford 2 Area and ensuring that Neighbourhood Watch remains relevant in keeping our community safe.

My involvement with aviation and air safety over a considerable period of time has shown me that the best people to identify any safety concerns are those at the coalface. I believe this to be also true in our community where our neighbourhood residents are the best source of information relating to local safety concerns.

Your Neighbourhood Watch committee encourages all residents within our Area to actively participate in our partnership with the Queensland Police Service to keep our neighbourhood safe.

I would like to express our committee's sincere gratitude to Joe Hegedus for his leadership and commitment as the previous Area Coordinator.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, the Committee and I wish all residents within the Stafford 2 Area a happy and safe Christmas and healthy well-being for 2017.

Bill

*BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY PERIOD*

Police Report from Diana Kratochvil, Senior Constable Stafford Crime Prevention – Offences 14th July to 6th October

Niven St, Stafford Heights

Between times: 01/08/2016 9:00 pm and 02/08/2016 5:30 am

Large quantity of tools stolen from back of vehicle (tray) contained within an unlocked tool box.

Flockton St, Stafford Heights

Between times: 23/09/2016 10:20 pm and 10:40 pm

Entry gained by the offender/s unlocked door of the vehicle parked on the driveway. The offender/s rummaged through the centre console and glovebox - no property stolen.

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

THERE IS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR A MEETING - RING OR E-MAIL YOUR COMMITTEE

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Going on holidays –a few reminders

Unfortunately burglars view the holidays a little differently from us. For them it can be an opportunity. Use this list to ensure you limit any opportunities.

Security

- Make sure windows and doors and garage internal door leading into the house are locked
- Don't leave your valuables lying around in the house - treat your car keys like cash
- Put away tools, gardening equipment and ladders - thieves may use these to gain access
- Remember to lock garden sheds/garages
- Never leave a key hidden outside, leave it with a trusted neighbour, family or friend
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away on holidays...please leave a message" Opportunistic thieves love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.

Don't give the impression that the house is un-occupied

- Use a timer to turn on lights, radio or television.
- Cancel your newspaper delivery
- Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house. Arrange for someone to clear your letter-box and put your bins away after collection. Perhaps have a car parked in the driveway.

Car security

- Don't leave your vehicle unlocked, especially with the remote control to the garage in the vehicle
- Don't leave valuables in your car

A Sad Note

Clive Morse, one of the original members of Stafford NHW Area 2 died recently after a short illness.

Clive took a keen interest in Neighbourhood Watch. He was a Block Co-ordinator for almost 20 years. He was well known and very popular in his local area.

We offer our condolences to Clive's wife Mary and to his son Dean and daughter Peta and their families.

AGM & Quarterly Meetings

Bill Mattes has been elected to be our Area Co-ordinator for 2016-2017.

The existing Assistant Area Co-ordinator Glenda Stanley, Secretary Don Kirkman, Treasurer Richard Barbieri and Media Co-ordinator Peter Hardie were all re-elected.

Suggestions about a night-time meeting at the Downfall Creek centre were made. The February 1st meeting may be used as a trial. There will be a notice in the January newsletter and on Facebook.

A Christmas function at Downfall Creek Bushland Centre was suggested. The Committee is considering and will advise if it can be organised.

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48 Hagman Street, Stafford Heights

Beware: 40km/hr speed limit around Stafford State School – from Peter Hardie
Safety around Stafford State School has been improved, with the introduction of 40km/h school zones on Webster and Stafford roads.
The busy roads, which border the school to the east and north, will be rezoned from 60km/h to 40km/h between 7-9am and then 2-4pm on school days. Road signage installation has been taking place during the recent September school holidays.

Thank you to Cr Norm Wyndham and his staff for printing our newsletters.

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