



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. 4TH MAY 2016.**

Area Co-ordinator's Column

Hello everybody

As you will see in the Crime Report below, crime has been down in our area lately – great to hear. However, keep up your community involvement, knowing your neighbours, and being aware so we can stay that way.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL – EVENT REVIEW

Together with my family, I attended the free Multicultural Festival at Keong Park on the 12th of March. We were surprised by the scale of the event right here in our own community – it included cultural dance and song performances with a shaded seating area, food choices including Ethiopian, Indian, German, Thai, Canadian, other nationalities, other interesting displays, a massive kids slide about 3 or 4 stories high as well as a huge jumping castle. The fireworks at the end were fantastic. The event is led by the Brisbane Malayalee Association – they plan on having it again in March 2017, so look for it and plan to be there if you can – <http://brisbanemalayalees.com.au>

Take care

Joe

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

**HOON HOTLINE 13HOON
(13 4666)**

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CRIME REPORT – 13/1/16 to 23/3/16

Snr. Const. Diana Kratochvil has advised that there were no relevant crimes during this period. More than six months have now passed without crime in our area.



EMERGENCY + (Smartphone App)

Australia's Triple Zero Awareness Working Group has developed a smartphone app for iOS, Android and Windows devices to:

- provide the caller with information about when to call Triple Zero
- provide the caller with information about who to call in various non-emergency situations ie:
 - State Emergency Service (SES) (132 500)
 - Police Assistance Line (131 444)
 - Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
 - Health Direct Australia (1800 022 222)
 - National Relay Service
- assist the caller to dial the relevant number
- display the GPS coordinates of the phone's location that the caller can read out to the emergency operator

The app is free and available for download from iTunes, Google Play and Windows Stores. Go to the TripleZero website (<http://tinyurl.com/ln5w2ov>) to access the Emergency + app.

A demonstration of this app will be given at the next NHW meeting on 4th May.



www.facebook.com/NHWQStafford2



<http://stafford.nhwq.org>



HOME MAINTENANCE – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Harry McKinnon from ACRO gave a very interesting and informative talk at our February meeting. Some attendees had personal experience with ACRO or had acquaintances who had work done. They spoke highly of the service provided.

ACRO (Australian Community Safety and Research Organisation) is a public benevolent institution operating in many of the northside suburbs including Stafford Heights.

The programme assists eligible clients (people receiving a Commonwealth Pension or benefit or people of any age who have a disability) by subsidising part or all of the labour costs on work that falls under the guidelines of essential maintenance in the home.

The subsidy can only be offered by ringing the ACRO office (3862 2500) first and a work order being approved.

General tasks the programme regularly performs with particular reference to NHW are:

- Security audits
- Security work e.g. installation and maintenance of security screens and doors, key safes, locks and door guards
- Replace sensor lights and safety switches

Other tasks include:

Supply and fit Grab rails etc – according to occupational therapist written instructions, supply and install smoke alarms, change batteries and test, minor carpentry work related to health and safety and falls issues e.g. step treads and handrails, Supply and replace light bulbs and fluoro tubes.

Financial contribution towards the cost of labour may apply for eligible persons receiving a Commonwealth Government pension or benefit and unable to make use of alternative forms of assistance e.g. Department of Veterans Affairs, family or friends.

GUEST SPEAKER – NEXT MEETING 4/5/16

Though we have yet to confirm the speaker for the next general meeting, there is a possibility that the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre may present details of their role in the community. We are also considering other options for this and future meetings, so be sure to come along and obtain more information about your community.



HOUSE PLAQUES

Do you have a NHW plaque attached to your house, fence or letter-box?

If you have a plaque is it in good condition? Should it be replaced?

It is felt that the presence of plaques signifies that NHW is active in the area and that residents are aware of security measures required.

At some time this year, depending on other commitments, a Committee Member will be calling on you to ascertain whether you require a plaque. We have a supply of the plaques and will supply them free. We also have double-sided tape to affix the plaques.

You could attach them yourself or the NHW members calling on you could attach them, in most cases right away.

If you care to contact us prior to our visit to your area you can make arrangements to have a plaque fitted within a short period - ring one of the Committee Members (listed on the first page).

Dogs on Patrol

Photo by Charlotte Reeves Photography

Invitation

Stafford Police & Stafford Neighbourhood Watch groups invite you to join them on Sunday the 17th April at Roy Harvey Park, Shand Street Stafford (next to the off leash area) at 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Access to Roy Harvey Park is via Shand, Brennan or Byth Street.

- Come and collect a FREE Dogs on Patrol dog tag (1 per dog) & have your tag engraved for free!
- Meet your local Police and local Neighbourhood Watch members and learn how you can help Police and keep your Neighbourhood safe.
- Pat a Police Pup
- Heaps of doggy related displays and FREE treats for you & your dog.
- FREE sausage sizzle

For more information please contact Stafford Crime Prevention on Ph. 3364 1897

<http://northbrisbane.nhwq.org/>

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