



# Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## LET'S LOOK OUT FOR CRIME!



Once again it is pleasing to report that the crime rate over the December – January period was minimal.

We are all very fortunate to be living in a suburb where the crime level is amongst the lowest in the state. For this we can thank involved residents of the estate and the local police.

None of us want to be the victim of crime and one way to prevent it is to be vigilant and get involved!

There are a number of ways you can get involved.....one way is to come along to the regular monthly meetings and meet other people who share a passion for living in the estate with you.

Also, you could come along to some of the social events that are put on for the benefit of the residents.

Perhaps you could put your hand up and help out delivering the monthly newsletters. Or even what about volunteering to help cook sausages or set up and clean up at a future social event?

All of the above are designed to make it easy for residents to meet other residents and gradually meet more neighbours.

### CRIMES REPORTED FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

**Sienko St** Between the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. An unlawful use occurred in Sienko St. Offenders pushed vehicle onto the road prior to starting it and using it to decamp

**Buddhist Temple.** 4<sup>th</sup> January. A brass statue was stolen from the Buddhist temple

**Huntingdon St** 24<sup>th</sup> January  
A shed was broken into at the above premises and a number of items were stolen.

**THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE  
BROWN'S PLAINS POLICE IS  
3451 6500**

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newsletter kindly  
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Algerier

### A NOTE FROM KAREN STRUTHERS

As a result of Greg Broad and Lynne Clarke lobbying for some sort of action against hooning and reckless driving, Karen Struthers has responded with the following

#### **Police Get Tough on Nuisance Drivers**

*Well done to the local Browns Plains Police and their district command for carrying out successful operations in, and around Forestdale to combat "hoooning".*

*In the latest blitz on January 26 and 27, 67 traffic notices were issued, 39 vehicle defect notices and 23 people were ordered to appear in court.*

*This operation involved Police and Queensland transport staff in a well co-ordinated two day effort.*

*Some residents have raised complaints about the noise and safety issues resulting from hoooning behaviour in and around Johnson Road, Dickman Road and Paradise Road. I have alerted Police and the Police Minister to these matters and sought action.*

*The Police have been taking these issues seriously and further special operations are planned over coming months.*

*Drivers who repeatedly break the law could permanently lose their vehicles under new confiscation laws that came in to effect in Queensland in December 2007.*

*The Queensland Government has very tough anti-hoooning laws to minimise the senseless deaths and injuries occurring on our roads, and to minimise nuisance behaviour.*

*Well done also to local residents in Forestdale – you have been helping Police by providing details on offending behaviour.*

*I am keen to maintain a strong stand on those who selfishly upset the amenity of the local area and put lives at risk.*

Karen Struthers MP

# Forestdale Community News

## WELCOME NEWBIES!!

The first meeting for the year was held at Brian Lewis's place as our normal venue wasn't available for this month.

NOTE!! Next month we return to the normal venue

It is always nice to see new members come along to our meetings and this month we saw George and Sharon from Archery St come along to see what goes on.

Make a note of the next meeting date.....

**WHEN??** Monday March 3rd  
**WHERE??** 199 Forestdale Drive.  
**TIME??** 7:30pm

Write it on your calendar now!!

## AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU LIVE IN FORESTDALE??

Well it has been a very busy time in Forestdale over the last couple of months and I hope you have taken advantage of the social events the Neighbourhood Watch committee has organised to help you meet and mingle with your neighbours.

Time and time again we hear that there would hardly be another Neighbourhood Watch group that organises events such as we do here that is in the spirit of what the neighbourhood Watch is all about.

In keeping with past events, the recent ones have all been free to residents and this is the way it is planned to continue into the future.

If you have never come along to any of these events why not make a special point to make it to the next one? The Neighbourhood Watch is here to help neighbour meet neighbour and let you know what is normal in your area and look out for each other.

## CAROLS IN THE PARK!

Quite a large crowd turned out for this first time event.

The rain held off and it was a wonderful Christmas atmosphere under the balmy skies.

There are already moves afoot to hold a similar event next year.

Some people came along with snacks and drinks and others enjoyed the night with their children. Overall it was a very enjoyable night with songbooks, candles, lights and a choir.

## SANTA FLOAT!

This is a popular ride that has been a favourite Forestdale regular for many years now.

Many children delight in riding with Santa around Forestdale on Christmas eve. As usual it was packed and this is one ride that bookings definitely have to be made!!

This free ride is just a small way of giving something back to the residents.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jenny Wade for doing all the organising and bookings.

## AUSTRALIA DAY BASH

Sometimes you just have to be lucky and with all the rain around, someone must have been smiling upon us.

The weather held off for yet another fabulous night in Lincoln Green Park with many families enjoying the FREE entertainment and yummy sausage sizzle.

On the night, Lynne Clarke handed some well earned awards to residents who helped out getting the float ready for the ride around Forestdale with Santa!

The music and fun for the kiddies were excellent and was made even better by the fact that the DJ gave half of his fee back to the neighbourhood watch group to help support our cause!

As per previous similar events, the kids of all ages had a fabulous time messing around in the giant blow up jumping castle

A huge thanks to all the people who helped to set up and cook the yummy sausages on the night.

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All of the above events are ideal opportunities to meet neighbours and make friends within the estate.

And not only for the adults...it is particularly good for the children to be able to mingle and meet new friends also.

How lucky are we to have the facilities and an active group to plan and organise these wonderful events?

If you don't participate in these social events for any reason, why not have a think about it when the next event is announced??....Come along just once to see what happens ....or grab a neighbour or two and come along as a group. It is a very pleasant way to spend a couple of hours amongst friends and neighbours.

## DID YOU LIKE THE DJ AT THE PARK?

Great wasn't he?...and he is available for your party or function at very reasonable rates.

## S.D.S. ENTERTAINMENT

3806 6164

0411 607 155

## Councillor Lynne Clarke was there also

Lynne Clarke was at our last meeting and gave an update on how advanced she was at getting a turn arrow on the Paradise Road traffic lights.....it seems that the engineers in the council are looking at it. Watch this space for further updates!

While on the subject of local councillors, there is a local council election coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.....voting is compulsory!

Forestdale is in Division 7.

If you aren't going to be here on the day, you can ring the electoral commission on 1300 881 665 and request a postal ballot form to be sent out to you.

The electoral commission advises that every household will be sent a letter detailing the polling booths and where you can vote on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

As more information comes to hand, it will be sent out on the email Bush Telegraph!

## SHOPS!!

It seems we are going to have a new bakery in the corner shops.

We all know how various types of businesses have tried to make a go of it there.....Here is our chance to support a local business on our doorstep.

Now you don't have to go down to the plaza for your bread and pastry needs. The new owner already has a couple of successful bakeries so we can expect the quality of the food to be above average!

Keep an eye open for MACCA'S bakery...coming soon!!

On that note.....the convenience store has closed and will not be reopening with the current owners. As more news comes to hand we will announce it here.

## GREAT STUFF TED AND LEONIE!!!



Ted & Leonie Goldsmith's 50th wedding anniversary was on the 25 January, 2008.

They have been residents of Forestdale for 18 years.

## CALLING ALL BLOCK CO-ORDINATORS!

There will be some get-togethers for all block co-ordinators coming up in the near future...

These will primarily be held to thank each and every one of you for the fine work you do and put a face to the name.

Keep an eye out for invitations in your letterbox soon!!!

## WANT TO BE IN THE LOOP??

Were you aware that we have a number of ways Forestdale people can be kept informed of what is going on in and around Forestdale?

### NEWSLETTER

Firstly we have the monthly newsletter that is delivered to every house in Forestdale. For those who can't wait for it to hit their letterbox, you can always subscribe to the Bush Telegraph which will ensure you get an electronic version directly to your computer as soon as it is finished.

### WEB PAGE

We also have our own website where you can find out all sorts of things about Forestdale. <http://www.forestdale.com.au/>

Stuff for sale, advertisements for local various businesses, updates on the Forestdale Social golf, details of local events and much much more.

Check it out!

### EMAIL BUSH TELEGRAPH

The email Bush Telegraph allows us to instantly contact residents who have elected to be on the mailing list.

We use this form of communication to get various messages out to residents in a timely manner.

Whether it be stuff for sale, looking for a tradesman, advertising a local business, lost or found animals, advising details of local events or anything at all, this is your free local service and you are encouraged to use it to make contact with other residents within Forestdale.

To get your name on the list, simply email me at [tappy@commail.com.au](mailto:tappy@commail.com.au) and in the subject line type "Include me on the Bush Telegraph". You will be joining over 200 other local residents.

## INFORMATION FOR PETS IN NEED!

Alicia recently forwarded the following web address for animals in need of a new home.

Make a note of it in case you might need it some day.

The black and white cat found in the Chase a few weeks ago, now resides at Alicia's home and is very happy!

The website is [www.bestfriendsrescue.com](http://www.bestfriendsrescue.com), open 7 days, mobile 0416 989 669, e-mail - [michelle@bestfriendsrescue.com](mailto:michelle@bestfriendsrescue.com).

## BUSHCARE STUFF

Would you like to spend some pleasant social time with some of your neighbours once a month on a Sunday morning?

It is not hard work. It mainly revolves around helping to tidy up and plant new seedlings and shrubs to beautify areas of Forestdale.

Interested?? Of course you are.....and if you would like to get more details you can contact George Robbins on 3800-0598.

Helpers meet at Paradise Park (100 metres up from the start of Lionheart Street) at 8am on the third Sunday of any month.

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Police Liaison Officer, Senior constable Vinni Fioriti, Browns Plains Police. The number for the Browns Plains police is **3451 6500**

### TREASURERS REPORT

What a great way to start the New Year! Treasurer Brian Lewis reported that we started the year with just over \$6,000 in the bank!

We are in the extremely fortunate position of being able to afford to put on events that enable neighbours to meet and enjoy pleasant social activities. This is not normal by any means. We would be one of the very few financial Neighbourhood Watch groups in Australia and we see it as our position to use these funds to give back to the community in ways that will benefit all.

Hopefully you participate in the organised events and take advantage of the unique situation our group is in by being able to put on these events and activities!

They are organised for your benefit!!



## FORESTDALE SOCIAL GOLF CLUB

### FORESTDALE SOCIAL GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE

President	Ken Salisbury	3800 2768
Captain	Geoff Tate	0410 168 246
Vice Captain	Errol Corkill	3800 1097
Treasurer	Kim Littee	3848 1850

Like to play golf: so do we. The Forestdale Social Golf Club's keen membership includes people from all over the nearby area.

New members and guests are very welcome, so why not come along for the golf, the fun and the company.

It's one of the better Social Clubs: it's well organised, has fair handicapping, great sponsorship, great company and the best Christmas party and awards ceremony for members and family.

Old rivalries and friendships were rekindled and new members welcomed when our first game of the year teed off at Wolston Park.

It's a reasonably hilly course and as usual, the mercury was up, so some of us were wishing we'd said no to that extra piece of Christmas pie.

Not Adrian Bramwell though, who took out the win. Adrian hit the ball long and as all who play with him know, he's an excitement machine. A well deserved win Adrian. He was followed by Errol Corkill in second place with Jeff Tate coming in a close third.

The second game at Keperra was exceptionally well attended, but rained out so we all went home when they closed the course. As a result, we're all fired up for the next game which is at Redland Bay on the 17 Feb at 6.15am

See you there

**Ken Salisbury.**

### FREE ENGRAVERS!

Get some new stuff for Christmas??

Don't forget to get your hands on one of the free engravers available from your zone co-ordinator to engrave your new power tool, TV, appliance or anything at all that Santa may have left for you under the tree.

For the telephone number of zone co-ordinators, see the full list of committee members on this page.