



# Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE CAREFUL'

### JUST A COUPLE!

We have been very fortunate over the past few months to experience minimal crime here in Forestdale. As I have said many times, our crime rate is very low compared to most other suburbs....and of course this has a good influence on property values.....something that a lot of people wouldn't take into account. However, should you be thinking of selling, a low crime rate would have to be attractive to new buyers.



As the weather starts to warm up, halfbrains are more likely to prowl the streets looking for easy targets. Over recent times there have been numerous reports of people knocking on doors with a lame excuse of looking for a lost dog or someone not known to you.

You don't have to be too smart to realise that it is likely these people are casing the place to see if anyone is home and have a quick look around for some valuables.

Should someone come knocking on your door with a lame excuse supposedly looking for a pet or someone not known to you, it would be very helpful to police if you could get a good description of the people and the registration number of a vehicle they might be driving. AND RING THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY!!

The police don't mind you ringing about the slightest concern you might have.....it could be that these people have been robbing people in other suburbs/streets and your phone call could alert them to their current whereabouts.

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

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And now for this month's crime report...

**Blyth Court.** Halfbrains have set fire to a plastic window in a Jeep Wrangler in order to gain entry. A bag containing hair dressing equipment was stolen but no attempts to start the vehicle were made.

**Scarlett Court** Between 2:06pm and 3:20pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November. A security grill was pulled from a security door. Robbers gained entry through a gap in the door and accessed the laundry. The door from the laundry to the house was secured with a deadbolt. The robbers then exited through the way they come in and attempted to force a glass sliding door however due to dowling in the track they were unable to gain entry. The robbers have then moved to a rear door and kicked a glass and wooden slatted door causing damage to the door. The robbers gained entry to the dwelling via this point. The alarm would then have been immediately activated.

The thieves have then walked through the house and stolen a LCD TV.

It seems there were 4 males involved and after exiting they walked across the property and jumped the fence and got into a white car suspected to be a white Ford Explorer. This car had another accomplice in it who did the driving. No number plates were on

the vehicle.

**Woodbine Street.** Between 10:00am on 25<sup>th</sup> November and 9:30am on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thieves unlatched a glass sliding door and entered the house through this means. The thieves went through the house disturbing property however it appears that nothing was taken. Offenders decamped in an unknown direction

### GOING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS???

*Vinni suggests you make a check list of things you should do.....*

- Get neighbours to bring your rubbish bin in
- Cancel newspaper
- Get neighbour to collect mail daily
- Leave contact number with a neighbour
- Get your lawns mowed if you are away for a period of time
- Lock up wheely bins so they cant be used to climb on your roof
- Lock your sheds
- Obtain timers for lights to give the impression someone is home.

# Forestdale Community News

## THANKS ! !

Before I go too much further with this months newsletter, there are a lot of lovely Forestdale people that need to be thanked for the time and effort they have given to our Neighbourhood Watch during 2007.

If it wasn't for these people who have been generous with their time, the Neighbourhood Watch wouldn't be able to function.

There isn't space here to mention everyone and I would hate to leave anyone out but a big special thanks must go to ...

All the Block Co-ordinators who distribute the newsletter each month and welcome new residents.

The heroes who are always there to lend a hand at the fund raising BBQs.....whether it be selling or setting up or cleaning up

The people behind the scenes who helped put together our inaugural motor show.....and those who helped out in various capacities on the day.

All the people on the committee who lend their time to organise and help out in their categories. You know who you are.....we couldn't do it with out you! (If you are not quite sure who you are, just look at the committee list)

Greg Broad, our head honcho who seems to get involved with everything and co-ordinates meetings and does just about anything else to tie up loose ends. Good stuff Greg!

Nancey Reid who is not only a block co-ordinator but also picks up the printed newsletters from Karen Struthers office every month.

Colleen and Garry Beros who kindly donate the use of their back patio each month as a venue for us to hold our monthly meetings. To let us intrude into your life every month is greatly appreciated

Opps..nearly forgot Sue Tapp for distributing the newsletter...phew!!

I hope I haven't left anyone out.....I do apologise if I didn't give you a mention.....however I do hope you bask in the warm feelings you get by being part of the team that keeps the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch operative.

## LAST FOR THE YEAR!

The December meeting was the last for the year and as always there was a good crowd of around 40 residents who stayed behind at the completion of the meeting to partake in the Christmas cheer and nibbles .....celebrating yet another successful year!!

A first timer to the meetings was Bob Smith of Scabbard Court. It was nice to see you there Bob...and we look forward to seeing you on a regular basis.

Because of the Christmas break, there will not be a meeting in January.....this also means that there wont be a January newsletter. However, if you would like an article of interest inserted in the February edition make sure you email or phone me on 3800 5880 with details. Don't forget that this is your newsletter and anything at all including births, deaths, weddings or even if you would like to celebrate your divorce.....let me know and I will tell the world!

Looking for a tradesman or wanting to sell something....it doesn't matter! This is your newsletter and it is free for the use of residents!

If you aren't on the email mailing list, this is the last reminder you will get of the next meeting...so make a big note on the front of the fridge door now.....as you probably haven't got your next years calendar yet!!!

**WHEN??** Monday February 4th  
**WHERE??** 199 Forestdale Drive.  
**TIME??** 7:30pm

While on the subject...if you would like to be one of the more than 200 residents who are on the email mailing list, simply email me at [tappy@commail.com](mailto:tappy@commail.com) with 'add me to the mailing list' in the subject line...I will get the message!

**HELP!!!**

## HAVE YOUR CHILD RIDE WITH SANTA

Christmas eve is special for a number of reasons...one of the best reasons is that your child (12 and under) can ride through Forestdale on the especially prepared Christmas float.

With an escort of Fire engines and police cars with sirens blaring, the ride has proven to very popular over the years.

There are a number of places around Forestdale where your child can board.  
Bookings are essential.

**Book now with Jenny Wade on 3800 9577 for a 2:30pm departure**



# AUSTRALIA DAY BASH!!



Yep it's on again!!.....

**As always, there will be a FREE sausage sizzle together with entertainment and music for young and old.**

**If you haven't been before, all you need to do is be there...  
Bring your family and neighbours for a great evening**

**Lincoln Green Park from around 6ish until you feel like going home.**

Many of you would be aware of the Free Christmas Santa float that carries children around Forestdale on Christmas Eve. Well it seems it needs a new home.

We are looking for some kind person to store it in their backyard. It doesn't take up a lot of room and makes an ideal cubby for the kids to use. If you can help us out, could you please contact Greg Broad on 3800 2024

A big thanks to Nicole Smith who has kept the float in her yard for the last year.

## LYNNE CLARKE WAS THERE

Lynne Clarke, our local live-in Logan City Councillor, reported that water now flowing into our mains is re-treated water. This is **not** treated water from sewerage plants....it is water from rivers and other dams.

Should you wish to know more, you can contact Lynne at the council chambers.

Lynne also made a special point of the intersection of Johnson Road and Paradise Road. It seems that cars exiting from Paradise Road are not clearly aware that cars coming out of Paradise Road are turning right into Johnson Road. There have been many near misses.

Lynne is speaking with the Logan engineers to see what can be done about it.

## WELCOME BACK!

While on the subject of the Christmas float, it was pleasing to see Vyv Dance come along to our last meeting. Vyv, who has since had a sea change, was involved with our Neighbourhood Watch from the very early days. If it wasn't for the good work that Vyv put in we wouldn't be where we are today.

It seems when you are onto a good thing you just can't

keep away....Vyv has put his hand up to be our Santa on the Christmas float. This is very popular and you will have to get in early if you would like your child to ride around Forestdale with Santa on Christmas eve. See advertisement for details.

## BUCKS IN THE BANK!!

As usual Brian Lewis gave us a rundown on just how much money we have in the bank as at the end of November. It is always pleasing to hear his report that there are sufficient funds available to be able to run some events that will allow residents and neighbours to mingle.

Our next event will be Carols in the Park.....see details in larger advert. One of the objectives of our neighbourhood watch is to organise events that will make it easy for residents to meet other residents with the prime objective to look out for each other.

Brian reported that as at the end of November, we had \$5,348 in the bank. As always, any suggestions on how this money could be best spent to the benefit of all Forestdale residents would be most welcome.

## CAROLS IN THE PARK

The Neighbourhood Watch is always looking at ways of making it easy for neighbor to meet neighbor and this year there will be an organized Carols in the Park.

It's going to be a great night. Bring along a blanket or chairs some nibbles and liquid refreshments and join with other Forestdale residents to help celebrate Christmas. Booklets of songs will be handed out on the night and music will be provided.

Don't forget your candles and torches!!!

LINCOLN GREEN PARK  
21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER.....7:00pm

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

**IN MEMORIUM**

**ADAMS**, Joseph Peter, late of Forestdale. Passed away suddenly 18th October, 2007. Dearly beloved Husband of Patricia (Trish) most loving Father of Dwayne (decd), Corina and Kris, loved Brother, Brother-in-law and Uncle of his Family. Privately Cremated at Mt Thompson Crematorium, Monday, 22nd October, 2007. So Dearly Loved, So Sadly Missed

**TREASURERS REPORT**

As we draw to the close of yet another successful year of being a financial and viable Neighbourhood Watch, it is with pleasure that we finish the year with \$5,348 in the bank.

The Neighbourhood Watch is certainly not a money making concern....any money raised is for the benefit of the residents and will all be spent on activities and events that encourage neighbour to meet neighbour.

A huge thanks goes out to Brian Lewis who has been keeping track of the funds and it is one of the many residents who have put their hand up to volunteer their time and services to help keep the wheels in motion.



**FORESTDALE SOCIAL GOLF CLUB**

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President	Noel Griffin	3800 8817
Captain	Geoff Tate	0410 168 246
Vice Captain	Steve Schuhmacher	3800 5959
Secretary/ Treasurer	Peter Frazier	0418 729 790

Like to play around or two on a lovely summer Sunday morning? Of course you do.....Why not meet other Forestdale residents who also like a game of social golf?....with a touch of competitiveness.

New members are very welcome to come along. Whether you have a giant handicap or play off the tee, it doesn't matter...the games are played in a friendly manner and they would love to see YOU!!!

Ring any of the committee for details.

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