



# Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## DECEMBER/JANUARY CRIME REPORT

Our police liaison officer, Vinni Fioriti, wasn't able to attend our last meeting however he was able to provide a number of statistics relating to crime in the general area over recent months.



The number of incidents of unlawful use of motor vehicles and unlawful entry is down considerably over recent months. A number of measures have been introduced to come up with this end result and it certainly seems to be paying off!

Prior to Christmas there was a spate of vehicle break and enters. Details of any apprehensions or arrests are not available for this edition however it is hoped to have some news next month.

### KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A recent survey shows that vigilant neighbours could play an important role in preventing home burglary, when people are away from their homes for extended periods. Claims data from CGU shows four out of five break-ins occur when the house is empty. Having a good relationship with your neighbour brings many benefits – some may be willing to collect your mail, watch your house and do other things to help reduce the risk of a break-in when you're not at home.

Which category of neighbour do you fit into??

18% do not know their neighbours  
35% know some of their neighbours  
24% know all their neighbours somewhat  
23% know all their neighbours very well

Whilst a vigilant neighbour is an asset, there's no substitute for locking up your home, installing an alarm and taking other security measures.

Top stolen items.

Jewellery	17.8%
Game consoles and games	17.2%
TV's, DVD.Video recorders, Stereos etc	11.2%

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

Cameras and accessories	9.5%
Computers and equipment	8.9%
Tools and garden equipment	8.0%
Mobile phones and accessories	6.3%
Cash	5.2%
CD's and VCR's	4.7%
Video cameras and camcorders	3.0%
Sporting equipment and bicycles	2.8%

Some of the simplest ways to protect your property include:-

- \*Ensuring exterior doors remain locked at all times as burglars may enter your residence even if you are at home.
- \*Installing double keyed locks and key lock for the windows
- \*Making your home appear lived in when you are away by keeping blinds partly open; using an automatic time switch to turn on a radio and activate light switches.
- \*Never leave a message on your answering machine stating that you are not home
- \*Installing sensor lights and timed lighting around your home
- \*Keeping all receipts and manuals in a safe place and ensuring you don't leave packing boxes in driveways to show thieves that you have a new purchase
- \*Keep records of your appliances serial numbers
- \*Engrave your appliances
- \*Keeping your car keys in a secure and hidden place as thieves will steal a car if the opportunity presents itself

With thanks to the CUA newsletter for the above article.

### JUST A QUICKIE!

Most of us have a touch phone in the house these days and it could very well save valuable time in an emergency if you programmed a couple of very important names into your speed dial.

No room? Then perhaps you should consider removing home delivery pizza or the place where you get your cats toe nails painted.....

- 1 Local police station
- 2 000
- 3 Family, neighbour or close friend

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# Forestdale Community News

## AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT ALL AGAIN...

Another year has slipped by and the Forestdale neighbourhood Watch is going to do it all again.....and in 2007 it will be bigger and brighter than ever!

Discussions have already started on how we can improve facilities for our residents.....all designed to make living in Forestdale better. Underpinning all these discussions will be events and social activities all designed to get neighbours together in a fun and friendly atmosphere so they can meet and make friends.

Keep your eye on this space for details of future events.

Remember.....these activities are organised for your benefit.....the residents of Forestdale. We are so lucky to have a bunch of hard working people who organise events such as the recent Australia Day party in the park. There are very few Neighbourhood Watch groups in Australia who provide free food and entertainment for the local residents.

If you haven't been along to any of our events, please make a point to come and mix with your neighbours. If you feel a little uncomfortable coming by yourself, grab the people next door and come as a small group.

The next event will be the March monthly meeting. Usually we get around 30 or more people to these meetings and all residents and tenants are welcome to come along and hear what is going on in our suburb.

In many cases, politicians and local police will be there and it is an ideal opportunity to ask them about anything that is concerning you.

Make a note of the following details on your calendar now!

**WHEN??** 5<sup>th</sup> March  
**WHERE??** 199 Forestdale Drive  
**TIME??** 7:30 pm

Free tea and coffee and yummy biscuits are provided.

Come along.....more than likely you will see someone you know there!

## NEED A SEAT??

Did you know that the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch has chairs that you can use for your next function?

Why hire chairs from an outside group when you can support your local Neighbourhood Watch?

Chairs and tables are available at a small nominal donation.  
Chairs are available from Steve Schuhmacher on 3800 5959.

## DID YOU SEE SANTA??

The free Santa float ride for children around Forestdale on Christmas eve is extremely popular and parents have to get in early with bookings if they want their children to be part of the fun.

This ride has become a Forestdale institution and is eagerly looked forward to each year.

It was great to see many families gathering on the footpath with neighbours to watch the float go by and enjoy some festive cheer!!! And perhaps pick up the odd lolly or two!

Just another reason as to why it is great to live in Forestdale!

## JUST A REMINDER.....

I know we have larger blocks than normal people ( I am not suggesting we are not normal!!) and we have more rubbish (no one mention palm fronds to me!), but that doesn't mean you can just burn off.

Unfortunately the Logan council doesn't follow in the paths of other councils and provide rate payers a number of free dumps at the local tip so you will have to find a way of legally disposing of excess garden waste at your own expense.

There have been reports of some residents burning off for days at a time which annoys the neighbours no end.

Please be considerate!

**John is a licensed carpenter and does all sorts of carpentry jobs as well as home maintenance.**



**He lives in Forestdale and is easily contactable.**

**Laundry and Bathroom makeovers, built in wardrobes etc.  
Whatever your needs, John does excellent work and will more than meet your expectations.**

**Like to know more or have John come around for an obligation free quote??  
Call him on : 0409 470 375**

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR!!

The following is a note from Logan Mayor, Graham Able to Greg Broad, our area co-ordinator, congratulating us on the successful outcome of the Australia Day event

*Dear Greg,*

*I write to you today to thank you for inviting my good wife Margaret and myself to the above event. There are so many Neighbourhood Watch groups that do a tremendous job in Logan but I must say the commitment of the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch members in providing wonderful community spirit is to be commended so on behalf of Margaret and myself I would like to salute you and thank you sincerely.*

*Please pass on my gratitude to one and all.  
Graham J Able, Mayor.*

## AUSTRALIA DAY BASH by Greg Broad

The Australia Day Party in the Park and Meeting was an outstanding night with a big turnout of residents and guests. The presentation of Neighbourhood Watch and Community Awards was one of a number of highlights from the evening. The night started with the singing of the National Anthem, led by Councillor Lynne Clarke.

Craig Emerson (Federal Member for Rankin) presented community awards to Pauline and Steve Towler, Glenn Graham, Bromlyn Bendall, Suz and Stan Corbett, Gary Crocker and Geoff Greig. Unfortunately, Leon Scott, Keith Gaye and Ted Fenson could not be present to receive their awards.

Councillor Lynne Clarke and Senior Sergeant Paul Tanzer (Logan Crime Stoppers) presented Neighbourhood Watch Gold Awards for long and meritorious services to the Forestdale and Logan communities to Joyce and Ken Dodge, Roger Perry, Henry Hermann, Brian Lewis, Richard and Rhonda Wojciechowski and Cathy and Ian Halpin. Gold Awards were also awarded to Sue and John Tapp and, Laurie Smith who unfortunately could not be present on the night.

A special award was presented by Mayor Graham Able to Vyv and Keryn Dance. Graham spoke of Vyv and Keryn's long association with all facets of Logan and Forestdale community support and that they would be sadly missed by the Forestdale and Logan communities now that they had moved to their new home by the bay....why would you leave Forestdale just to get a sea breeze???

We were also entertained with face painting and clowns organised by Colleen Beros, music from Jose and the traditional jumping castle. The emergency services fire truck and Officer Ruby Pritchard also from the Logan Police.

Special thanks to Lynne Clark and Craig Emerson for donating much of the contents of the Logan CC information bags.

The night would not have been possible without the dedication of members of the Neighbourhood Watch.

Thanks everyone for the great job – communities cannot survive without dedicated people and our thanks should go out to all who worked so diligently to ensure a great night for all.

In all, a couple of hundred Forestdale residents came along and enjoyed the fun and entertainment. If you couldn't make it this time, please make a point of coming to the next event. There is a wonderful community spirit alive and well in Forestdale and any of the social events organised specifically have the residents interests at heart.

The committee have some other plans for further meetings of this nature each quarter this year, so stay tuned.

## SEEN ANY B DOUBLES LATELY??..Picture below

You may have heard people talking about B Double trucks using Johnson Road. Because of their size, B Double are not allowed along Johnson Road.

Apparently, Linfox trucks, who are used by Coles, has a policy not to use the motorway and to save toll and use Johnson Road.

We can stop these trucks by being vigilant! If you see a B Double make a note of the truck registration number, the trailer registration number, the company name, the date, time and location of any sightings and report these to Ross Brady, at Qld Transport on 3634 8800..



Richard Mohr Collection  
This is a typical B Double

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Hopefully you were one of the many hundreds who came along to the free Australia Day party in the park. If so, it is more than likely you helped contribute to our current bank balance.

The raffles held on the day certainly were significant in offsetting the costs.

Brian Lewis announced at the last Neighbourhood Watch meeting that as at the end of 31<sup>st</sup> January, we had \$5,113 in the bank.

Generally these funds are used to pay for social activities with an underlying theme of making it easier for Forestdale residents to meet other residents.....and to that end other such events are being planned for later in the year.

However, should you have any suggestions on how you would like to see part or all of that money spent, please feel free to come along to any of our meetings and put your ideas forward.

## STUFF FOR SALE

**Freezer** Westinghouse Upright. 280 litres all freezer 6 shelves one basket Excellent condition \$220 ONO 3800 5880

**Bar Stools** Sturdy solid stained pine 4 in total. 1 has a back rest. 680mm high \$20 each 3800 5880

**Mirror.** 1100 X 915mm white powder coated frame \$25 3800 5880

**Sofa bed.** Foldout style to make double bed. 4inch foam mattress. Cream striped fabric \$120 3800 5880

**Student desk light.** Blue colour. From Ikea. \$10 3800 5880

**Picture frames.** Assorted sizes Mainly 6inch X 4 inch some never used Antique timber look \$2 each 3800 5880

**Wall tiles.** 1 box White 200mm X 200mm Overestimated for the job \$10 the box 3800 5880

**Philips colour TV** 17inch rotary dial Brown wood grain \$20 3800 5880 Still works!

## WANT THE GOOD NEWS FIRST???

In Forestdale we have our own way of letting our local residents about all the things happening in and around Forestdale. It is called the Bush Telegraph and is a community email service to anyone who wants to be on the list.

Not only do you get to see stuff that didn't make it into the newsletter, (such as items for sale, lost and found animals, special offers for events such as Valentines day, reminders for events such as the Australia Day bash and monthly meetings as well as many other beaut things).

As an added bonus, you will also get an emailed copy of the monthly newsletter delivered directly to your email box as soon as it is finished. No more standing around your letterbox and embarrassing yourself waiting for the hard copy to be delivered.

Want to be on the list?? You know you want to!.....Simply email me on [tappy@commail.com.au](mailto:tappy@commail.com.au) and just say you would like to be added in the subject line.



## COMMITTEE

### FORESTDALE SOCIAL GOLF CLUB

President	Noel Griffin	32738514
Captain	Geoff Tate	0410 168 246
Vice Captain	Steve Schuhmacher	38005959
Secretary/ Treasurer	Peter Frazier	0418 729 790

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January was the start of our new season, with our first game being played at Wolston Park. We played a Canadian Foursome game and the winners were Henry Hermann & Paul Riley. They were followed in second by Bruce Leggatt & Ken Salisbury and third Peter Fraser & Noel Griffin.

The longest drive went to Bruce, the approach to Ken and nearest to pin to Bruce, Barry smith & Errol Corkhill. We would like to thank our sponsors for the day Errol Corkhill & Charlie Wilkins.

Our second game of the year was played on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Gales. This was the first round of the Gales Cup for the year with the winner being Rick Roos with 44 Stableford points. Second place went to Jim McClean and third to Bruce Leggatt.

The longest drive went to Peter Fraser, Approach's to Bruce Leggatt & Geoff Tate and Nearest to Pins to Geoff Tate, Chris & Steve Green. Thanks to our sponsor Steve Green.

Our next games are Redland Bay 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45 and Benora Point 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15 (Qld Time). New members & visitors are always welcome, just contact one of the committee or just turn up.

Noel Griffin

## FORESTDALE NHW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Area Co-ordinator	Greg Broad	3800 2024
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Zone 1	Henry Hermann	3800 5732
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Zone 3	Nancye Reid	3800 3540
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Police Liaison Officer, Senior constable Vinni Fioriti, Browns Plains Police.

## CARE 2 UPDATE – Part 1 (Part 2 continued next month)

Members of the Forestdale Community Association Inc. sub-committee CARE2 (Citizens Against Railyard Expansion) have been very active since May 2005 when QR once again proposed developing Glider Forest.

With the support of Forestdale, Hillcrest, Parkinson, Pallara and other adjoining suburbs enough pressure was put on QR to enable them to re-think their proposals and accept the bio-regional significance of the Glider Forest site. It was then announced that 92 ha of the site would be handed over as part of the Flinders-Greenbank-Karawatha Corridor. They intended to retain 44ha as warehouse type development and CARE2 are still fighting this issue.

However, there are many other issues which the group has become involved in because they impact on the wildlife corridor or the welfare, lifestyle and road safety of the residents of West Logan.

Of major concern recently is the planned development of a Coles Cold storage facility on land between Johnson Rd and the Logan Motorway. Many residents signed letters of objection and FCA (Forestdale Community Association) Inc prepared a very professional objection document to support the reasons why this should not be given approval by Brisbane City Council.

Pauline Towler