



Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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FEBRUARY CRIME REPORT



It was nice to see our police liaison officer, Vinni Fioriti, come along to our last meeting and bring us up to date with police issues happening in our area.

Vinni is a Senior Constable at the Browns Plains police station and is right in the thick of everything that is happening.

Amongst other issues, Vinni reported that a number of speed checks have been done in Forestdale and some locals have been caught. Please be aware that the speed limit along Forestdale drive is 60kph and for the side streets it is 50 kph.

The issue of trail bikes was again raised. Vinni reported that the police have stopped and questioned many bike riders in the bush opposite Forestdale over recent times. Names and address have been taken and these people have been told not to return.

It was interesting to note that a parcel of land is being set aside by the Beaudesert shire council for the purpose of enabling trail bike riders to ride legally through bush and scrub.

If you have any policing issues you would like answered, please come along to our next meeting and raise them personally.

Reported offences

JOHNSON RD. Between 7:30am 10/12th and 6:30am 12/12th Offenders have used a bolt cutter to cut the chain securing a water pump used to irrigate the property. The thieves have absquatulated in an unknown direction and taken the pump with them.

DUNDEE DR. Between 8:10am and 3:45pm on 12/12th. A bottle was used to smash a window to the property in order to gain entry. Once inside the offenders have gone through all the drawers. Items of value were stolen from the drawers.

**ALLANADALE COURT (2 OFFENCES)
HUNTINGDON STREET
CRANNOCK COURT
THE CHASE.**

In each of the above cases, items of value were stolen from UNLOCKED cars parked in driveways, carports or even garages (with unlocked roller door).

Items taken include wallets, cash, cameras, satellite navigation units, mobile phones, cigarettes and other items of interest and value.

The police cannot stress enough the importance of making sure you securely lock your vehicle at all times.

Leaving your wallet or mobile phone or camera on the seat is an invitation for the weak minded to simply open your car door and the next thing you know....your property is theirs!!!

Just because you car is parked next to the house or in your carport doesn't stop these half brains. They have worked out that these are the cars less likely to be locked. Those who park on the street do tend to lock theirs.

NOTTINGHAM COURT Between 4:00 and 5:00pm on 21/12th. Offenders gained entry to a property through a closed but UNLOCKED laundry door. The thieves absquatulated in an unknown direction with a laptop computer and digital camera they found on the kitchen bench.

DICKMAN ROAD. Between 5:00pm 27/1st and 6:30am 28/1st. Offenders have broken into an unlocked shed and stolen numerous items. A quarter window of a car parked in the shed was broken and entry gained to steal a wallet.

Many of the above offences could have been prevented if doors to property and cars had been locked.

Do not hesitate to ring the Browns Plains police and report any suspicious people. That is what neighbourhood Watch is all about. The police actually encourage people to contact them and let them know.

It may not be suitable for them to drop everything at the time but it could be that a patrol car is in close proximity and could be in your area in a matter of minutes.

Support Neighbourhood Watch....Be neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch exists for you and by you!

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

Forestdale Community News

FREE BUS!

Did you know there was a free courtesy bus available to take you to and from the Greenbank RSL and Greenslopes Private hospital?

There are a number of stops along the route and you can get on or off at any of these.

To get on one of these buses, you will need to book in advance as the buses only hold ten people. Bookings must be made by 5pm the day prior however to ensure you get a seat, it is recommended that you book well in advance.

Bookings and more details can be obtained on 3394 7033

And while on the subject of buses....there is a new Translink bus service from Browns Plains to Springfield via Forest Lake. (it passes the front of Forestdale) The service is route no. 534 with more details and times available on the Translink Website or the Westside Bus Company.

But wait...there is more.....

If you were wondering where the Park and Ride went to from the carpark in Grand Plaza, it has moved to the Greenbank RSL. Buses 140, 141 and 142 leave from the RSL between 6:05am and 8:30am and return between 3:00pm and 5:30pm.

OUR MEETINGS ARE VERY INFORMATIVE.

These balmy autumn nights are just perfect for enjoying the company of other neighbours and coming along to one of our Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch monthly meetings.

If you haven't been before, why not treat yourself and slip along and see what all the fuss is about.

Usually we have representatives from the local police and political parties come along and bring us up to date with all that is happening in the area.

Most times, 30 or 40 residents come along to get their two bob's worth or just sit back and see what goes on. The meetings are conducted in a light hearted manner and you will be under no pressure to participate.

We would love to see you there. Make a note of the following details on your calendar now!

WHEN?? Monday 2nd April
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!

And on that note, it was great to see a couple of new faces at our last meeting. Owen and Corrine Roberts came along to see what happens.

Why not get the little lady's lippy out and write 2nd April in big letters on the bathroom mirror now.....then you will be sure not to forget the next date!

BRIAN'S REPORT

Brian Lewis, our dependable Treasurer, tabled figures that show we have \$4,657 in the bank at the moment. As always we are looking at ways on how these monies can be best spent to benefit all of us in the estate.

Parties in the park are an ideal way of providing a venue for neighbours to get out and mingle with other neighbours and to this end we will be planning more of these for later in the year.

The recent Australia Day bash was a resounding success and it is hoped that you were able to make it along.

If you haven't come along to one of these events, make a special effort to get along to the next one. The free food and entertainment is a small way to encourage you to forget the TV and come and mix and mingle with other local residents.

You can be assured of a great night!

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS??

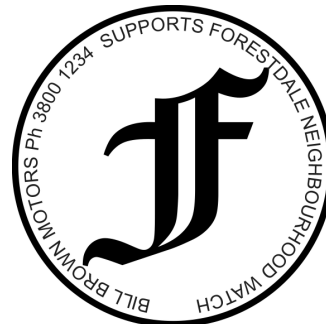
We are still looking for someone who would like to sponsor the printing of a new batch of reflective neighbourhood watch "F's" that adhere to the rear windows of cars owned by Forestdale people.

The idea of these stickers is to identify cars owned by Forestdale residents. This comes in particularly handy when police are checking out suspected prowlers.

We would like around 500, and the price to print on quality reflective material is around \$1,000.

Should you like to see your business name on just about every car in Forestdale, the Neighbourhood Watch would be prepared to allow advertising on the sticker if you were kind enough to cover printing costs.

The sticker could look something like this.....



If you are interested, you can contact John Tapp on 3800 5880

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS.....

Do you run a business from home that has an unusually high level of noise associated with it??

This could be any sort of machinery and heavy trucks that operate either late at night or early in the mornings.

Forestdale has a reputation for a quiet suburb and it isn't nice if it starts to become a mini industrial complex.....apart from annoying the neighbours, it will also have a detrimental effect on the property values.

There have also been some reports of heavy trucks parking on the footpath and curbing.....potentially causing a danger to both pedestrians and vehicles.

Not to mention the fact that it could be breaking up the nice new footpaths recently constructed.

If you fit the above category, please be considerate to our neighbours and friends.

Jims Home Maintenance

Stephen Nash - I live locally.

All home maintenance jobs, tiling, brickwork, painting, fencing, paving, pergolas gutters water tank installation.

If it is broken I can fix it whatever it is.

From child's toys, cubbies, bicycles, welding, trailer rust, spray painting, water features, etc

Free quote punctual, polite & tidy.

FAIR AND HONEST

If you ring I'll turn up.

wnash@acenet.net.au

GOT A HOONING PROBLEM??

If you live on a stretch of road that is particularly attractive to hoons, you would probably already be aware that not only is it damn annoying but it is also very dangerous.....I wouldn't be surprised to hear of a Hoon going through the front of a house after losing control of his car....this would be a Hoon who would probably have his licence for probably a few months or years and is in a hotted up car....one that is way too powerful for his driving experience.

Well don't think you can't do anything about it.

The police would like to hear from you with as much information as possible about the offending vehicle and/or driver.

Ideally you would be able to get the rego/time/date/place of the offence.....It must be appreciated that without positive identification such as the registration it is very difficult for them to follow up.

Each complaint is followed up with a visit to the offender and appropriate action is taken depending on the seriousness of the offence

GOT CHOOKS?



Elisha would like to buy some eggs from Forestdale chooks.

If you have any spare eggs Elisha would love to hear from you on 3809 3419

SURF SAFELY ONLINE

A new project aimed at ensuring surfing the internet can be done safely has been developed by the Queensland Police Service.

Called "Surf Safely" the project provides on-line personal safety tips for adults and children when using the internet.

The project asks internet users to "Remember the 5 R's"

REALISE people you chat with may not be who they say they are.

REFUSE requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.

REVIEW your contacts. It is not "kewl" to have contacts you don't know.

RESPOND quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable online. Close the program and tell your parents or a trusted friend.

REPORT any suspicious or dangerous on-line contacts to the police.



CAR SHOW!!!



We are looking for an expression of interest to see if we could stage our own car show here in Forestdale. There are a lot of fine motor vehicles tucked away in garages in the estate and this could be a way to show them off and give them some air.

We haven't decided on how it would be conducted or even if prizes will be awarded but we think it will be fun to have a day where the cars could be on display...perhaps Lincoln Green Park.

If we get enough people showing interest we will go the next step and start to organize something.

Interested?? ...then ring Ron Woodridge now on 3800 5903 or email me on

tappy@commail.com.au and tell us!!!

All we would like to know is how many people might be interested.
Ring or email NOW!!!



FORESTDALE SOCIAL GOLF CLUB

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

REDLAND BAY

Redland Bay is always a great course to play and this game was no different. The weather was perfect & the course was in excellent condition, what else do you need to enjoy golf? The winner of the stoke event was Paul Riley with Ken Salisbury 2nd and Mike Kelly 3rd. The other winners were, Longest drive - Les Hubbard, Approach - Steve Schuhmacher and nearest to pins to Bruce Leggatt, Jim McClean, Mike Kelly & Henry Hermann. We would like to thank our sponsor for the day, Peter Frazier.

BANORA POINT

Last weekend we had an early start at Banora Point. Unlike last year when the game got flooded out, this week it was very dry, hot and muggy. The winner for the day was Don Vosper followed by Errol Corkhill 2nd and Barry Smith 3rd. Bruce Leggatt may not have won the day but he put his name on just about every card. He won the Longest Drive, approach and a nearest to pin. The other pins when to Noel Griffin, Kim Littee and Steve Schuhmacher. We also had a putting competition for the day with winner with the least putts being Errol Corkhill and the person with the most Kim Littee. The sponsors were Don & Janeen Vosper. Thanks

RAFFLE

The club is holding a raffle at the moment. The prize is a full right handed set of Callaway "Big Bertha" clubs. Included is a 460cc Big Bertha Driver, 3&5 woods, 2-9 irons pitching & sand irons & putter. They come in a leather Callaway bag. The tickets are just \$5 each. If you would like a ticket please contact Steve Schuhmacher on 3800 5959 and he will arrange to get a ticket to you, or any of the committee or club members.

NEXT GAMES

Our next games are Jindalee 18th March at 6.00 and Mt Warren Park 1st April at 6.00. New members and visitors are always welcome. Just contact one of the committee or just turn up at one of the games.

Noel Griffin

FORESTDALE NHW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

CARE 2 UPDATE – Part 2 (Continued from last month)

You will have noticed, and been concerned about, massive tree clearing on the block of land on the corner block adjacent to Elliott Court. This is not part of the Coles Development and was approved around 2001 when CARE2 had not been formed.

The development applications for this site are numerous and very confusing and members of CARE2

are very disappointed at the mass destruction which has occurred but, as approvals had been given already there does not appear to be any avenue left open to halt work there. However, CARE2 would like to remind Forestdale residents that pressure can still be brought to bear on BCC in relation to the Coles Development site.

It was decided to retain the name CARE2 because BCC, LCC and State Government departments are aware of our group but now the name means "CARE2 - because we do!!"

CARE2, FCA Inc and FEPC (Forestdale Environment Protection Committee) will continue to be involved in issues which affect residents of Forestdale.

This may include in the future –

*Upgrades of Johnson Rd-(application to BCC and LCC to be part of the planning committee has already been requested) upgrade of Staplyton Rd - an important issue as this is where the wildlife corridor crosses into the Greenbank Army Camp,

*The increase in truck and vehicle traffic on Johnson Rd including the illegal use of Johnson Rd by B-Double trucks accessing Coles on Staplyton Rd and Woolworths on Paradise Rd. Residents can assist by noting 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.

In the near future FCA Inc members will be looking to raise funds for compulsory liability insurance and legal assistance to fight the wrongs being directed at our community and it is hoped that all residents will give generously of their time and/or money.

Please contact Pauline on 3800 5589 if you feel you can assist or want to become involved or have any expertise you wish to share.

Pauline Towler

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