



Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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FORESTDALE RECORDS LOW CRIME RATE!

Did you know that Senior constable Vinni Fioriti, our Police Liaison Officer, actually lives here in Forestdale and is not just a representative from the local police station who rolls up to our meeting each month?

Vinni has a real vested interest to make sure crime is kept low in Forestdale and you can help by coming along to our meetings and talking with him and finding out what you can do to protect your property and how you can look out for your neighbours.

As always it was great to see Vinni attend the last meeting. Not that he had a lot to report on as once again crime in our estate for the month of May was NIL!

Other suburbs and estates would give their eye teeth for a crime report that even came close to this. Without sounding like a broken record, the low crime rate can only be attributed to the fabulous work of our Neighbourhood Watch and all those who do their bit.....the diligence of all the residents in identifying what is not normal in their area.....and the good work of the local police who regularly patrol the estate and surrounding areas ensuring the bad guys are stopped before they even get started!

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to realise that a low crime rate has a distinct bearing on property values and if you would like to see the value of your property keep climbing at a steady pace, it may pay you to get involved....even if helping out on a sausage sizzle once a year!

Neighbourhood Watch just isn't looking out for your immediate neighbours....it is a way to meet new people.... and as a result there are distinct advantages such as the afore mentioned likelihood of watching your property increase in value.

This doesn't happen by itself and all residents and tenants are encouraged to come along to any of our meetings and events.

BIKE STUFF

Yet again the issue of trail bikes came up with Vinni. He reported that there had been recent raids on the groups of riders that gather on the other side of Johnson road.....to the extent that over recent times 17 infringement notices had been served with an average

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fine of around \$300!!! It is unlikely that those people will be back in a hurry!!

The local police regularly get on their own trail bikes and ride through the bush looking for people riding illegally. As hard as it is to catch these people, the police do a fine job considering. Should you have concerns with trail bike riders near your house, it is imperative that you obtain a registration number or some other way the police can track the riders down. It must be realised that they really cant do much if all they have to go on is that a bike rider of unknown description was annoying you and now isn't there any more!

JUNE CRIME RATE

For the month of June there was only some relatively minor stuff that is hardly worth a mention. This is yet again a wonderful result. Results such as this can only happen if all of us work together and support the Neighbourhood Watch.

Why not come along to the next meeting and find out why many of your neighbours are regularly there?

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

IT AINT GOING TO HAPPEN!!

In regard to the suggestion that the Army reserve might be sold to make way for a freight transport depot, Lynne Clarke has forwarded the following email.

*I have been in touch with the Greenbank Army and spoke to the Regional Base Services Manager who assures me there is **NO LAND SALES** from Greenbank. They have had big discussions with Delphin Developments and have told them NO. He made it clear to me that under **no circumstances**, will they be selling off any Army land. It is too valuable for them as they need it for a buffer, and it still has a lot of unexploded ammunition from the 2nd World War etc. They have had 6 different ministerial over the last few years, advising them that it will not be sold. He said they have been there for 50 years and they will be there in another 50.*

I hope this answers your questions. I didn't just speak to any army officer, the gentleman I spoke to is in fact the officer in charge of the Brisbane region.

I hope this allays the concerns everyone has about the rail line

CRAIG WAS THERE

Craig Emerson, Federal Member for Rankin, was the guest speaker at the June meeting where he took the opportunity to introduce himself to the residents. Due to a redistribution of the electoral boundaries, after nine years Forestdale is again back in the electorate of Rankin. Craig has represented Rankin, which is a Logan-based electorate, since 1998. He is pleased now to be representing Forestdale, an area he is quite familiar with, having given advice and assistance during the original 1997 CARE campaign and having friends living here.

There has been some speculation by a property company that Greenbank Military Reserve could be sold-off and developed into a transport hub. Craig has written to the Defence Minister, Brendan Nelson, seeking an assurance that the Military Reserve will be retained and he has arranged for the issue to be raised in the Senate Estimates process. He will advise residents of the responses when they are received.

Craig welcomes comments from residents. He can be emailed on Craig.Emerson.mp@aph.gov.au or call 3299 5910

NEW TO THE ESTATE??

Did you know that we have a wonderful Neighbourhood Watch in Forestdale? It has a reputation for being one of the best in the state and the low crime rate can be directly attributed to the diligence of all the residents and the efforts of the committee to organise events to enable neighbour to meet neighbour.

As part of the local community spirit we have developed an email Bush Telegraph whereby you can get your newsletter plus lots of other timely and interesting information delivered directly to your computers mailbox.

Sound good?...of course it does....So why not email me now at tappy@commail.com.au with "Include me in the Bush Telegraph" in the subject line.

Garage sales, lost and found pets, tracking down local tradesmen and much much more are available to you free of charge through the Bush Telegraph.

Don't delay....email me now!

To give you a chance to see what Forestdale is all about, go to www.forestdale.com.au and see what is on offer. The webpage is relatively new however there are many links there to services and other interesting facts about Forestdale.

Should you have any photos or items of interest relating to Forestdale, you can contact Stefan Geisler on 0416112000 and he will add it to the webpage if it is appropriate. Add it to your favourites!

CALLING ALL BLOCKIES!!

Are you the designated Block Co-ordinator for your area?

Over recent times there have been a number of sales of houses within the estate and part of the Forestdale creed is to call on the new residents and introduce them to what Neighbourhood Watch has to offer.

So, having said that, let me say this.....could all Block Co-ordinators please make sure they have called on all new residents to their area and supplied them with a Forestdale starter pack?

If you are short of starter packs, you can contact your Zone Co-ordinator.....phone numbers are in the committee list included in this newsletter.

CAR SHOW UPDATE!

Arrangements for the upcoming car and motorbike show are progressing nicely. There are still a few things that need to be tidied up before we can definitely say it is confirmed for 5th August.

As these are finalised, all details will be advised in this newsletter.

Obviously there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved and the small group of volunteers who put their hand up to organise things are doing the best they can. Of course we could always use more hands to make things easier.

HELP!...HELP!...HELP!

For example.....part of the reason for holding the motor show is to generate some funds for our coffers so the Neighbourhood Watch can hold more community events in the park to make it easier for neighbours to meet.

We plan to have a BBQ on the day and, because we have also arranged to have a BBQ at Bunnings the following weekend, we don't think it is fair for our volunteers to cook bangers two weeks in a row.

Obviously we would like to see fresh faces come along for each of the BBQs so if you think you can spare a couple of hours (you don't have to be there for the whole day) we would love to see you come along. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!

Should you like to get a tummy full of warm feelings by helping out, you can contact Greg Broad on 38002024 feel you would like warm feelings

CHAIR HIRE

It appears as though some people have misunderstood the rules of borrowing the Neighbourhood Watch chairs and tables.

Some people have been borrowing the chairs and tables and forgetting to pay the required donation.

We don't have a regular income source to be able to provide the chairs and tables free of charge. The service is used to generate an income to replace broken chairs and hopefully have some profit at the end of the day.

Residents wanting to use the chairs and tables (for a small donation of course) should temporarily contact George and Judy Skilton 148 Abbey Street Ph:38005451.

TREASURERS REPORT

Our bank balance at the end of May was \$5,050.

As always, we are looking at ways of utilising this money to the best advantage for all. Some people have suggested we spend it on events for the community. This is fine however, because we don't have a steady income stream it makes it that much harder to build up any reserves should a worthwhile cause come along.

Having said that, let me say this.....we are always looking for ways and means on how best to use this money and will welcome any suggestions put forward.

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**

DON'T SAY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WARNED

Senior constable Vinni Fioriti brought to the attention of all those who were at the last meeting the fact that stealing is very common from the car park at the Grand Plaza.

He stressed the importance of locking your car every time you visit the shops. On average 2 cars a week are stolen from the car park.....and in most cases the cars in question weren't locked.

Can you imagine how you would feel to come out from shopping to find your car missing?? From an initial feeling of having a seniors moment by not remembering where you parked the car to a realisation that it has been stolen.....you could feel your stomach drop! Don't let it happen to you!

Similarly there are many reports of valuables stolen from parked cars. Items such as wallets/handbags, mobile phones, laptops and cameras etc are the most popular. Don't tempt the scum bags who patrol the cars looking for stuff left on the seats. If you can't take your valuables with you, lock them in the boot and lock the car.

Did you know that the police regularly patrol Forestdale and nearby suburbs in a police car with in-car radar?? With this type of radar it is generally too late to slow down by the time you see the police car coming. Please do the right thing and make sure you keep your speed to the legal limit.

Recently a motorist was clocked at 101 kph in Pevrell St. He could have been in Forestdale!

✂ CUT OUT THIS REMINDER FOR THE NEXT MEETING!!!

.....and stick it behind a fridge magnet!

(use chewing gum if you have a stainless steel job)

The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Monday 2nd July

Where?? 199 Forestdale Drive

Time?? 7:30pm

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE REMIND ME TO GO ALONG!

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WINDAROO

The course at Windaroo was in excellent condition considering the lack of usable water around. Although the roll up was small we had a great day anyway. For the first time this year the girls came out firing. The winner for the day was Kim Littee with Janeen Vosper (who left Don home digging up the backyard) coming home second. There goes your handicaps girls.

Third for the day was Adrian Bramwell. The pins were shared by two players with Les Hubbard taking the longest drive & NTP on the 7 & 15 th holes. Bruce Leggatt won the approach & the NTP on the 11 th.

Special mention must be made of Errol Corkhill. Errol went to River Lakes first before coming to Windaroo. We do believe the speeding tickets are in the mail Errol. Our sponsor for the day was Noel Griffin.

RIVER LAKES

The 6.00 start was a little early everybody including the sun!!! Once we could see the course it looked in great condition. We got away about 6.15 when we could finally see our drives off the tee.

After a week of digging up his backyard Don Vosper was the winner for the day. Second was Kim Littee & third was Adrian Bramwell. Well done Kim & Adrian for proving that the results at Windaroo weren't a fluke.

The longest drive & approach went to Bruce Leggatt with NTP going to Chris Lloyd(8) Jim McClean(3) and Geoff Tate(17). The sponsor for the day was Geoff Tate

RAFFLE

The club raffle is being drawn on the 1st July so hurry if you want a ticket. 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 Oxley 17th June at 7.45 & Redcliffe 1st July at 7.05. New members and visitors are always welcome. Just contact one of the committee or just turn up at one of the games.

Interesting site for golfers : iseekgolf.com. Discount golf; on-line lessons & tips; equipment & lots more. Check it out.

LIKE A HAND OF CANASTA?

Sandi would like to organize regular players for a game of canasta. Even if you aren't an experienced player there will be games for beginners. Come along and meet more friends and neighbours.

You can get more details from Sandi on sandifezz@optusnet.com.au or
3806 9130

THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

One of the nice features about living in Forestdale is the ability to be able to contact other residents in the estate. This can be done through this newsletter or by using the email Bush Telegraph. Both are provided for the exclusive use of local residents and is a service provided free of charge.

Should you wish to find people with a common interest as you with a view of getting together regularly to chat, both the newsletter and email service are ideal ways of contacting local people.

Want to arrange regulars for tennis, meet other wine buffs, or model train enthusiast, people interested in crochet, a baby sitting club or even a reliable baby sitter?...it doesn't matter what your needs are, the newsletter and Bush Telegraph are there for your use.

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