



# Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## JUNE CRIME RATE STILL LOW!

Even though it was a little cool for the last Neighbourhood Watch meeting, our intrepid police liaison officer Senior Constable Vinni Fioriti came along and gave us an update on crime in the estate and neighbouring suburbs for the month of June.



According to Vinni, Forestdale remains one of the suburbs with the lowest crime rates in the area.

There are many reasons for this and all of them have been mentioned many times in past editions of this newsletter.

Needless to say, whatever we and the police are doing, we must be doing something right!

The above "WE" takes into account all Forestdale residents.....each of us add our own contribution....some large and some not so large. However; combined we are formidable opponent to the half brains who feel it is their right to break into your house or car and steal your property.

And from the crime statistics it is clearly working!

Most other suburbs in Australia would give their eye tooth to have a crime rate as low as ours!

Vinni reported that in a couple of nearby suburbs the crime rate was out of control!!!.....Makes you wonder if they have Neighbourhood Watch in place!

And now the crime report for June.....

**Johnson Rd** Between 3:30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> June and 4:00pm 10<sup>th</sup> June. Offender has entered an UNLOCKED open shed and stolen a Yamaha PW80 motorbike. It is a 1999 model, unregistered and is coloured blue. There is a black and white Yamaha sticker on the petrol tank.

**Paradise Rd.** Between 8:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> June and 7:00am 8<sup>th</sup> June. A vehicle was broken into by unknown means...property was stolen from the car. The grubs absquatulated in an unknown direction!

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**Dickman Rd.** Between 10:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> June and 5:00am 8<sup>th</sup> June. Rear passenger window of a car parked at the above premises was smashed in order to gain access to a wallet left in clear view. Consequently the wallet was stolen. Half brain absquatulated in an unknown direction.

**Abbey St.** While the owner was home, a brazen grub has opened a rear sliding door of a large 5 bedroom low set home removed a laptop computer and two sets of car keys.  
The grub absquatulated in an unknown direction!

**TRAILBIKES.** It may warm the cockles of your heart to know that there is one trialbike rider (who lives in Forestdale ) who will be having second thoughts about riding his bike and annoying residents again.

The police reported that they apprehended this rider and hit him with a couple of offences and a hefty fine.

Driving while disqualified  
Unregistered vehicle  
Uninsured vehicle  
Defective vehicle  
Failure to wear a helmet  
Exceeding registered carrying capacity

The poor unfortunate was hit with all of the above!

Let's hope he tells his mates.

It makes you smile!

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

### WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION??

At next month's meeting, Senior Constable Fioriti will talk about crime prevention and what you can do to secure your house before you go away for the holidays. With the September school holidays not long after the next meeting, this is very timely and it would pay you to come along.

There will be much to talk about and I am sure sufficient space won't be available in the newsletter to do justice to all the tips and suggestions Vinni will talk about. The only way you are going to find out is to be there!

# Forestdale Community News

## ARE YOU ON THE BUSH TELEGRAPH?

There has been a report that some of the Bush Telegraph emails are coming through as spam.

Generally most seem to be getting through.

Should you be having trouble, in many cases it can be rectified by adjusting the settings on your antivirus software that Forestdale emails are not spam.

All Bush Telegraph emails have 'Forestdale' as the first word in the subject matter line.

Please let me know if you are having problems.

And on that note.....if you aren't yet on the Bush Telegraph email list.....why not??

It is an ideal way to communicate with residents in a timely manner. Plus those on the mailing list get first dibs at stuff for sale, can advertise lost pets, look for a local trader, look for local people with similar interests...or anything you like....it's all free!!

Jump to it...get on the Bush Telegraph now and don't miss out!!

Email me now at [tappy@commail.com.au](mailto:tappy@commail.com.au) with 'Add me to the Bush Telegraph' in the subject line.

## LOCAL TRADE DIRECTORY

Periodically we publish a list of local traders for you to stick on the fridge or the back of the dog!

The list is being compiled again for this year and here is your chance to be on the list.

If you are a local business and would like to let other Forestdale residents know about you and have them call upon your services, make a point of letting me know by the next newsletter at [tappy@commail.com.au](mailto:tappy@commail.com.au) or phone 3800 5880

Entries on the service directory are FREE!!!

## GET STUFF ENGRAVED!

When was the last time you thought about getting your stuff engraved??

You engraved your stuff a couple of years ago I hear you say!!.....Hmmm perhaps you have bought some new stuff since then! There is a pretty good chance that you have bought new stuff and upgraded other stuff over the past couple of years.

Then, it is about time you borrowed a free engraver from your Zone Co-ordinator and got to work! Lawn mowers, power tools, electrical appliances, PS2 XBOX, computers and anything else that could be used to secure a couple of bucks down at Cash Converters are likely targets by the half brains.

If you are smart enough to engrave your property, it will make it all the more difficult for the half brains to flog your stuff to get money for drugs or other things.

A list of Zone co-ordinators is on the committee list. If you aren't sure what zone you are in, any of the zone co-ordinators will help you out.

## YEARLY CONTRIBUTION NOW DUE

In the past we have asked residents for a voluntary contribution of \$3 per household per year to help offset operating costs of the Neighbourhood Watch. Unfortunately expenses keep going up and reluctantly we have had to raise the voluntary contribution to a suggested amount of \$5.

This figure is purely on a voluntary basis and there is no obligation to pay.....however if you would like to see the Neighbourhood Watch continue its wonderful work, which is having a direct bearing on the low crime rate, then we would welcome any funds that you can contribute.

The \$5 is purely a notional amount that seems reasonable and will just get us by....however if you feel you would like to contribute a little more then that would be gratefully received.

Remember.....the \$5 is a suggested fee per household per year and is on a voluntary basis!! ...It equates to just over 1 cent per day!. It is only a small amount.....Please help keep our Neighbourhood Watch alive!

Block co-ordinators will be calling on you soon....if you don't get a visit, could you please put your contribution in an envelope, include your name and address and put it in the letterbox of Greg and Deslie Broad at 118 Forestdale Drive (Cnr Abbey St)

## CONFIRMATION OF THE ARMY CAMP!

### Message from Karen Struthers MP

*Forestdale residents have been assured by the Hon. Minister for Transport that no rail port is to be planned for the Greenbank Army site.*

*I have followed up on claims of the speculation by King & Co that an inland port is to be planned for the site.*

*The Minister has reported that:*

*The Department of Infrastructure was advised that this facility was ideally located for the Army's training needs and that they had no intention of vacating the site.*

*Potential inland port sites at Bromelton and Purga are preferred by Government because they are Greenfield sites which can be planned and developed to ensure that their impact on communities is minimised.*

*In addition, there are no plans to change the alignment of the interstate railway line as depicted in the King & Co article or to drive a rail corridor down the gateway Arterial Corridor.*

## DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SPARE??

If you don't like warm feelings then don't read on.....

On the other hand if you like warm feelings and a sense of satisfaction then why not put your hand up to help out at the BBQ we are planning to hold at Bunnings on 12<sup>th</sup> August?

This is one of the rare fund raising events we hold so we aren't asking a lot.

Those people who have helped out in the past have had a lot of fun mixing with friends and neighbours from Forestdale while serving the bangers.

Sound good to you??..of course it does.....!!

You can come down for all day or just an hour or two....any help will be gratefully appreciated.

Greg broad is co-ordinating the hours, so if you are thinking of coming you can ring him on 3800 2024 for more details.

## GOT YOUR EPHHHH?

ALL HAIRDRESSING SERVICES

Leigh here in



Thanks to the kindness of C&D Security Alarms, we now have a supply of F's.

## C&D SECURITY – ALARMS

Thinking of installing or upgrading security for your house?

Why not use a local professional?  
Call Aaron on 1800 355 368



For more details

You may have seen these stickers on cars driving around the estate.

The idea is to identify cars that belong in Forestdale....According to the police, it makes it so much easier for them when they are doing patrols to identify strange cars as against those that belong here.

And also for locals, there is some piece of mind should you see a car acting in a suspicious manner, an F on the back window will give an indication that perhaps the person is just visiting a neighbour.....no F might mean it is from outside the estate and should be watched closely.

All Block co-ordinators will be given a supply of the beautiful reflective stickers and anyone who would like a couple is more than welcome to ask.

The stickers are FREE!

If you don't know who your block co-ordinator is, you can contact any of the Zone co-ordinators for help. (phone numbers are in the committee list shown in this edition).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Fortunately our financial reserves are not put under any ongoing pressure and as such we are able to maintain a buffer to cover initial expenses for major events such as our parties in the park.

As at the end of June, we had \$5,048 in the bank.

Do you have any suggestions as to how these funds could best be spent to benefit Forestdale residents?

If so, please come along to any of our meetings and let us know.....you will be given a good hearing.

## DID YOU GET WARM FEELINGS??

If you had come along to the last neighbourhood Watch meeting you would have left full of warm feelings.....if not from listening to all the interesting news and views form what is happening around Forestdale, it would have been from the wonderful gas heater we have.

Never been to one of the monthly meetings??.....Well it is never too late. It doesn't matter how long you have been here, you are always welcome to come along and watch what goes on or have your say about an issue that concerns you.

✂ CUT OUT THIS REMINDER FOR THE NEXT MEETING

...and stick it to the fridge with a magnet

or use the free 3 to 7 minute shower timer to hold it on the side of your shower!

The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Where?? 199 Forestdale Drive

Time?? 7:30pm

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE REMIND ME TO GO ALONG!

We regularly get around 30 to 40 people in attendance and we would love to see you there. It doesn't matter if you are a tenant, you are still welcome!

Details of the next meeting are:-

**WHEN??** Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>  
**WHERE??** 199 Forestdale Drive.

Come along and enjoy the hospitality and free coffee/tea and bikkies.

**FORESTDALE NHW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Area Co-ordinator	Greg Broad	3800 2024
Assistant Area Co-ordinator	John Menere	0409 470 375
Zone 1	Henry Hermann	3800 5732
Zone 2	Marie Travica	3800 9871
Zone 3	Nancye Read	3800 3540
Zone 4	Renee Rowley	3800 3260
Secretary	Elisha Bubalo	3809 3419
Treasurer	Brian Lewis	3800 1840
Newsletter Editor	John Tapp	3800 5880
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Works Organiser	Lloyd Robinson	3800 4939
Function Organisers	Lloyd Robinson	3800 4939
Chair Hire	George Skilton	3800 5451.

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



**FORESTDALE**

**SOCIAL GOLF CLUB COMMITTEE**

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

**RAFFLE WINNER**

Last Sunday we had the draw of the Raffle. We would like to thank all those people who bought tickets for their support of the club. The winner was Club member Roy Barrett. Roy's clubs were long overdue for replacement.

The greatest problem Roy faces is learning to use a driver. Roy has always played with irons, so that first shot with the 460cc driver will be interesting to say the least. Congratulations Roy.

**OXLEY**

Our first true winter game was at Oxley on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. The late start was something different for our members, considering we had to wait for the sun to come up the game before.

We welcomed back the little travelling POM (Charlie Wilkins) from a home trip to the mother land for his mum's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. We don't know what he did in England but he came back and scored the longest drive (he was the only one out of 20 of us that hit the fairway) and a nearest to the pin. The other pins went to Bruce Leggatt, Peter Frazer and Noel Griffin. Bruce also got the approach.

The winner for the day was Bruce Leggatt from a count back to Kim Littee. Third just behind them was Peter Frazer. Thanks to our sponsor for the day Les Hubbard.

**REDCLIFFE**

Last game was at beautiful Redcliffe. The day also brought out appearances from some of our old members, Bob Meers, Danny Davis & Tom Longden. The course was in good condition but the greens were hard to read. With some unbelievable putting, the winner for the day was Russell Steinitz. To make Russell's day more memorable he teamed up with Peter Frazer, who came in second, to win their team match play game.

Coming home third was Kim Littee. Over the last few game both Peter & Kim have struck some form. Kim has brought her handicap from 31 to 25, while has brought his from 25 to 18. With these two facing off in the next round of singles match play, it should be a great game. The nearest to the pins went to Kim Littee, Barry Smith, Bruce Leggatt & Tom Longden. Peter Frazer got the approach & Tom got the longest drive. Our sponsor was Bruce Leggatt

**NEXT GAMES**

Our next games are Gainsbough Greens 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15 & Gailes 29<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15. 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](http://iseekgolf.com). Discount golf; on-line lessons & tips; equipment & lots more.

**Painting and Garden Maintenance**

***Looking for an interior painter or someone to do some garden maintenance at very competitive rates?***

***Rick Jones lives in Forestdale  
0429 317658***

Check it out.

**BUSHCARE STUFF**

Would you like to spend a little time with some neighbours one Sunday morning a month doing light gardening stuff for the beautification of Forestdale?? Meet at Paradise Park (100 metres up from the start of Lionheart Street) at 8am on the third Sunday of any month. For more information, contact George Robbins on 3800-0598.