



# Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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## CRIME IN FORESTDALE IS LOW!

### IS ANYONE SURPRISED?

Would anyone be surprised if I told you that there was no crime reported to the police from Forestdale for the month of August?



As nice as that is, there is always the danger of becoming a little complacent and if we are not careful we could easily take our eye off the ball.

Do you ever ask your friends who live in other Neighbourhood Watch areas what their average crime rate is?? Needless to say it would be very hard to beat our track record.

Without me going over and over the same reasons each month, it simply means that those residents who have decided that they will do their bit for the Neighbourhood Watch, are having a real impact on ensuring crime is kept to an absolute minimum.

And of course it is the good work put in by the local police that is also having a huge effect.

Senior Constable Vinni Fioriti was in attendance at our last meeting and highlighted the fact that in-car GPS devices are the new target item for thieves. They make great Christmas presents...particularly as they can take the window suction attachment at the same time!

All too often, these new toys are in plain view of the scumbags and it doesn't take long to either open the door and run off with it...or even smash a window to gain access.

Vinni's tip is.....Do not leave anything of value in sight of scumbags who might be looking inside your car. This includes mobile phones, laptop computers, wallets and money, briefcases, purses....and anything else that might be able to be cashed in for money at the local Cash Converters.

### ARE TRAILBIKES GIVING YOU A PAIN??

Well you might like to know that there has been a lot of work done by the police behind the scenes.

Currently the police are powerless to do anything about riders using the land on the other side of Johnson Road because the owners haven't forbidden it.

Approaches have been made to all the owners to specifically forbid trailbike riders from using those grounds.

So far the co-operation has been very positive and once that has been obtained, the police will be able to prosecute more people for trespassing.

In the meantime there have been numerous prosecutions for all sorts of reasons...all of which are causing the riders to have second thoughts about riding through the bushland.

### NEED TO RING THE POLICE?

The Browns Plains police station is not manned 24 hours a day and sometimes when duty calls there may not be anyone there to answer your call.

The Beenleigh Communications Centre is manned all the time and you should make a note of the following number should you have a need to call the police about anything.

**BEENLEIGH COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE**  
**Ph. 3807 7770**

This number will make sure your call is answered and they will direct a patrol car to your area on a priority or concern basis.

However, should the matter be of an urgent nature, **000** is the number to call!

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

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# Forestdale Community News

## OUR NEW COMMITTEE!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September was our annual general meeting whereby all the present committee stand down and new members are re-elected.

Just about all of the existing committee members were re-elected without opposition. The only position to change was the Secretary that was held by Elisha Bubalo.

Elisha has done a wonderful job over the last 12 months however home duties and a young child has meant her time to spend on neighbourhood Watch stuff has been limited.

On behalf of the committee and all Forestdale residents, a huge thankyou is passed on to Elisha for her involvement in many aspects of our Neighbourhood Watch.

As at time of writing, we do not have a secretary to fill the position. Not a great deal of work is required. No experience necessary! If you would like to get involved in our wonderful Neighbourhood Watch (for a couple of hours a month) you can get more details from Greg Broad on 3800 2024

STOP PRESS!! Jennifer Wade has kindly put her hand up to take on the position of Secretary. Great stuff Jen!

And on that note....a huge congratulations is passed on to all the other members of the committee who were re-elected. Well done, and although it is not readily obvious to the majority of the residents, it is these quiet achievers and their community spirit that makes sure our Neighbourhood Watch is second to none.

We must be doing something right as can be seen from the front page,.... we had ZERO crimes reported for the month of August!! Our crime rate continues to be one of the lowest in the state. This can be directly attributed to the good work of Forestdale residents and the co-operation of the police. Together we can make sure crime in our area is kept to an absolute minimum!!

Once again, congratulations to your new committee for 2007 and 2008!

## BITUMEN ALL THE WAY!!!

It was reported at our last meeting that the continuation of Paradise Road (the other side of the motorway) through to Acacia Ridge is going to be bituminised!!

So what! you say as you yawn! .....Well the upshot of this will mean that many more trucks going to and from Woolworths will now choose to go through Acacia Ridge rather than come along Johnson Road.

This is a rather significant happening that will reduce the number of trucks past our front door!!

## MONTHLY MEETINGS!

On the first Monday of every month (except January) we have our Neighbourhood Watch meetings where all residents are invited to come along and see what goes on or have a say on issues concerning them.

At this point a big thank you must be given to the kind generosity of Colleen and Gary Beros, who allow us to use their under covered area to hold the meetings.

Representatives from the local police and political parties/local government regularly attend and it is an ideal opportunity to let yourself be heard on any issue that concerns you.

Make a special point of coming along to our next meeting....

**WHEN??** Monday October 1st  
**WHERE??** 199 Forestdale Drive.  
**TIME??** 7:30pm

As always it is a good idea to make a note of this date as I know you will kick yourself if you let it slip by.....Get out the little lady's lippy and write the details on the TV screen NOW!!.....that way you will be sure to remember when it is!

While on the subject of monthly meetings, a big warm welcome to Dianne who came along to the meeting for the first time in 15 years!!.....It doesn't matter how long you have lived here without coming along to one of our meetings, residents and tenants are always welcome.

## HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW SIGN??

Have you noticed the new sign on the footpath near the entrance to the estate??

A huge 'thank you' to Dave Liddle and Lloyd and Lynne Robinson for the new improved sign.

## ADAMS SMALLGOODS

*As part of the celebratory refreshments to welcome in the new committee at our last meeting, Adams Smallgoods kindly supplied some fabulous meat and nibble platters.*

*The Neighbourhood Watch highly recommends Adams Smallgoods and if you would like to see the full range of fresh meats, smallgoods and imported and Australian delicacies, visit the factory and shop in Carole Park.*

*Open until 5:00pm Mon to Fri and until 1:00pm Saturday.*

*206 Cobalt Street, Carole Park  
3271 3044*

## FOR SALE!

Very original EH sedan



### *Original in every detail.*

Has been kept in a garage  
Upholstery like new  
Genuine 69,000 miles  
Original paint in excellent condition  
Dashboard and dials like new  
New white wall tyres  
New rear Venetian blind  
Front bench seat

**\$14,500**

Contact Ashley on 3800 5880

## A BREATH CAN GIVE LIFE

At our last meeting, we were fortunate enough to have Ross Highlander and Heather from Emergency services come along and talk to us about the virtues of learning CPR. Ross alerted the audience to the fact that there was a free day at the Greenbank RSL on 10<sup>th</sup> September showing members of the public how to do CPR. Those on the email list would have received an email in advance telling about this day.

One interesting fact that Ross mentioned was that if you know CPR, there is a 90% chance the person you have a need to use it on will be a loved one or family member...(hmmm I guess there are some family members you don't love!...ed)

It wasn't only CPR that was talked about.....Ross told us about simple tricks on the correct way to position a pregnant woman so the baby didn't block circulation. Heaps of interesting stuff was talked about. Make a point of coming along one time to see what goes on at our meetings.....you might be surprised.

### ***THE RIGHT PEOPLE ARE NODDING!!***

Lynne Clarke was at our last meeting and reported that the right people are agreeing with the Logan Council's request to limit trucks along Johnson Road to 4.5 tonnes.

As Johnson Road forms the boundary between the Brisbane and Logan council areas, anything that needs to be done along Johnson Road becomes very messy. It is hard to get everyone to agree. However, in this case it seems Queensland Transport, the Brisbane City Council and Logan Council are all on the same path. Nothing has been finalised as yet but Lynne was very confident that it will happen. If this goes ahead, we could see large trucks disappearing from Johnson Road.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Brian Lewis reported that a few extra dollars were added to the coffers during August. This was mainly due to the relatively successful sausage sizzle that was conducted at Bunnings.

On that note this is a good opportunity to thank all those wonderful people who gave a little of their time to help arrange all the rolls, snags, drinks etc as well as set up and clear up.

These things just don't happen by themselves and at the end of the day the money will be put back into running events for all Forestdale residents. Keep your eye on announcements in forthcoming newsletters.

Now where was I...oh yes...the treasurers report.....as at the end of August we had \$5,718 in the bank. This really isn't a lot of money as obviously we don't want to blow the whole lot on something and finish up with zero in reserve.

Events designed to encourage residents to meet other residents will be planned in the near future.

The first one coming up will be the Forestdale Motor Show. This is the first time we have tried something like this and we hope a lot of residents will come along and have a look at the fine cars and bikes.....or better still, come down and show off your pride and joy.

Indications are that we will have over 100 cars on display.....some of the cars have been invited from other car clubs.

Old or new, it doesn't matter. Make a note on the calendar now.....SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September!

It starts around 10:00am and goes until around 3ish. Food and drinks will be available on the day. We would love to see you there.

## GOING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS??

Have you?.....

Locked your windows and doors?

Cleared your yard of wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools? (Wheelie bins and ladders are often used to get onto roofs and upstairs windows)

Cancelled any home deliveries?

Arranged for a neighbour to collect your mail or have it redirected?

Left a message on the answering machine that doesn't indicate that you will not be home?

Secured your valuables?

### ***GIVE YOUR HOUSE THAT 'LIVED IN' LOOK***

Install automatic timing devices that turn lights and radios on and off

Leave some clothes on the line

Ask a friend to park their car in your driveway

Organise to have your lawn mowed.

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



**FORESDALE 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

**McLEOD**

We had a great turn up for this game despite the early start. Despite the lack of rain the greens were in good condition but we had to tee up on the fairways. The winner for the day was Eric Littee from a count back to Henry Hermann. Third was Errol Corkhill.

With Bruce being away on business Ken Salisbury made the most of the pins taking the longest drive, and NTP on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Peter Frazier got a NTP on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Barry Smith got the last one on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to our sponsor for the day Paul Riley

**JIMBOOMBA**

We finally got some rain last week and it made Jimboomba, which is normally a dry course, quite enjoyable to play. We played a 2 man Ambrose game. The winners were Geoff & Ken followed by the Russell, Eric & Noel.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the day, Barry Smith & Chris Lloyds

**NEXT GAMES**

Our next games are  
 Ipswich 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00am  
 Carbrook 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 5.50am  
 Virginia 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00am  
 Noel Griffin

Would you like to meet fellow Forestdale residents over an enjoyable game of golf?

The Forestdale Social Golf Club would love you to come along for a game. As an incentive to get you interested, they are offering half price green fees (\$15) for the Carbrook and Virginia games. Whether you are a novice or an expert, you are sure to enjoy the day. Contact any of the committee members listed above for more details.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ENGRAVED YOUR STUFF??**

Regular readers of this newsletter will know that engraving your stuff is regularly promoted and highly encouraged. Engravers are available from your Zone Co-ordinators (see names and phone numbers in committee list) ....It doesn't matter if you don't know who your co-ordinator is, you can ring anyone and they will steer you in the right direction.

The police have advised us of stuff that is targeted by these scumbags and you might like to use this as a checklist for when you get hold of your free engraver.

The preferred code for engraving is the first initials of your first and last name, date of birth and the letter Q for Queensland.

i.e. Tom Snodgrass would code his items TS091032Q

Televisions	Binoculars	Microwaves
Kitchen Appliances	Musical Equipment	Computer equipment
Sporting Goods	Cameras	Typewriters
Video equipment	Radios	Cameras
Furniture	Stereos	Cassette recorders
Firearms	Clocks	Power tools
Trailers	Garden Tools	Welders
Tool boxes	Lawn Mowers	Chainsaws
Bicycles	Rotary hoes	Slashers
Chainsaws	Sat Navs	Mobile Phone

For other items such as valuables make sure you take photo or video of each item....with a ruler or matchbox strategically placed nearby for size comparison.

Don't forget items such as stamp/coin collections, antiques, watches, jewellery, paintings etc.

***USE YOUR CAR ALARM!***

Many modern cars have a feature built into the remote locking system called a panic alarm.

This is usually a separate button on the remote controller. You can use this remote to your advantage to scare potential scumbags away.

Keep your keys close to you — including on the nightstand when you go to bed — and, if you think someone is trying to get into the house, you have a ready way to alert the neighbourhood and hopefully scare away a potential scumbag or rapist.

Try out your car first before relying on it, though: The alarm should go off with a push of the (usually red) button on your fob, and it should work from anywhere in your house.

With one push, the car alarm will usually sound and the lights flash, and they will continue to do so until you hit the button again to turn them off.

It isn't a bad idea to also keep your hand near your remote when you are walking to your car in a darkened carpark.

Please pass this tip onto other members of your family.