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FEEDBACK Newsletter – Issue 20

Welcome to the 20th issue of Feedback, the Newsletter of Bella Vista Waters Neighbourhood Watch.

Crime Statistics

We appear to have escaped the highest risk period of the year (the 6 week Christmas holiday period) completely unscathed without any major incidents being reported by either the Police or Highland.

Part of the reason may have been the extra security patrols that Highland carried out for us over this 6 week high risk period.

Whatever the reason, it is very pleasing to report that the number of B&E recorded in 2012 have been reduced to just 2. Whilst this is still 2 too many, it is a massive improvement on the 24 that were recorded in the month of April 2008 alone, before we decided to take remedial

action by providing our own Security patrols in the estate which were to be funded by the local residents.

Another Daytime B&E

We have just received a report that there has been another daytime B&E in Northridge Avenue on Tuesday 5th March. The kitchen window was shattered and entry was then gained through the window. Fortunately, their security alarm was activated at the time which allowed the intruders no time to ransack the home and they fled empty handed.

This is the 8th B&E that has occurred in our estate over the past 2 years. Of those 8, this is the first incident where the alarm had been activated at the time of the B&E and as a result, there was no loss of property. In the case of the other B&E incidents where no alarms were activated, all 7 of these

resulted in considerable loss of personal property and leaving the owners with a feeling that their homes had been violated as the thieves emptied drawers throughout the house and went through all their personal effects.

The message is surely clear that if you want to provide the highest level of security for your family and your property, then you should ensure that your alarm system is always activated whenever you leave your home vacant, even for a short time.

At night, make sure that you set your alarm to night mode before you retire to bed for the night.

Stolen Number Plates

Did you know that the theft of motor vehicle licence plates account for 8% of all property types according to official Police records? These plates are then used for a variety of

crimes including failure to pay for petrol at servos, evading road tolls, fixed speed cameras and red light cameras etc.

The simple solution to prevent this from happening to your vehicle is to secure the plates to your car by replacing the existing screw/bolts and fitting new anti-theft screws.

Accordingly, at a recent BVWNHW meeting it was decided to provide every current and new NHW member with sufficient anti-theft screws to fit to all of the cars that are usually garaged at the NHW members's home.

These will be supplied at no cost to every residential home that is a current or new member of BVWNHW.

We are currently working with the distributor to establish the best type of anti-theft screws to provide residents with as there are a wide variety of options available. We are also working on the logistics of how to supply and fit the appropriate anti-theft screws to so many vehicles. **Watch this space!**

Find us on Facebook!

Project Eyewatch has been established by the

NSW Police, using Facebook to deliver information to NHW groups. Our local Eyewatch group on Facebook is run by Castle Hill Police. To join you can send a Friend Request, then contact our Facebook Co-ordinator Shani George on 0419 298 661 for an Eyewatch application form and she will be happy to walk you through the process.

Workers Parking in Northridge Avenue

If you are a regular walker in the estate, you would have noticed that the number of workers' cars being parked in Cloverhill Grove and Northridge Avenue is increasing every week. If this rate continues, and there is no reason to believe that it will not, then it will not be long before there will be no parking spaces left available through the week for residents or their visitors in either of these 2 streets. The next step will see these workers' cars starting to fill the other residential streets behind the Woolworth's H/O adjacent to the creek.

To combat the threat of this creeping overflow of workers' vehicles from the adjacent business park making a parking lot of our residential streets, advance notice

is given that it is our intention to hold an open meeting and invite our local Hills Shire Ward Councillors to discuss this issue and seek a workable solution. **We will keep you advised as to where and when this meeting will be held.**

Positions Vacant For New Street Facilitators

We are currently seeking new Facilitators for Woodbridge Place and the bottom half of Brighton Drive.

If you think you might like to get involved in this community based group and would like to know more about what the role entails, please contact Jeff Grey on either of the contact details shown below.

Next Collection Date

Our volunteer street facilitators will again be calling on you to collect your \$50 quarterly donation on the **week commencing Saturday 16th March.**

Please make their task easier by having your money ready for them when they call and also consider signing up for Direct Debit payments.

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