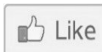


Neighbourhood Watch The Gap NEWSLETTER

May 14th – August 13th 2019



For regular and timely crime statistics and updates – or to get in touch with us, please like and follow our **Facebook page**
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COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

From June 2019 our much loved and respected Jo Ellice-Flint stepped down, she has been our dedicated Area Coordinator for The Gap NHW for the last 9 years.

Co-Area Coordinator Joanne Ingram is a Gap Local, Mum of 2 young children and a local small business owner. She brings a variety of skills and knowledge to this role and hopes to aid Police with engaging locals to get more involved in our local community.

Co-Area Coordinator Ashley McHardy is originally from Canada but has been a Gap Local for the past 7 years. A mum of a little girl and a local small business owner, she is a keen advocate for community values which includes participating in Crime Prevention and Awareness.

We would like to thank you for this opportunity and welcome you to get in touch and introduce yourself.

Email:

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

EVENT: Sunlit Sounds Festival

Neighbourhood Watch The Gap will have a gazebo at the Sunlit Sounds Festival – come say Hi – we will have some games and activities for the kids and some raffles for the big kids!

Date: Saturday, September 14

Time: 2:00pm -9:00pm

Location: Sunlit Fields – Hilder Rd State School, The Gap

Tickets: \$5 (kids free) pay at the gate of festival

EVENT: Meet Your 4061 Community "Park, Picnic & Play"

This will be the first community catch up we have had as part of the Neighbourhood Watch The Gap revitalisation so we're keeping it simple and fun!

Activities for the Kids: Nurture the Knack will be running a creative art lesson from 1:30 – 2:15pm

Sunday Treat: Love Inside will be serving cupcakes and treats

Date: Sunday, October 20th

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: ANZAC Memorial Park (located next to skate park)

What to bring: Picnic & blanket, cold drinks (or hot ones!)

QUEENSLAND POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS



The Gap Police Station 3510 1111
SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88
Neighbourhood Watch Queensland Website
<https://www.nhwq.org/>

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Graffiti STOP 1300 472 334
Lifeline 131 114
RSPCA – For Animal Emergencies 1300 852 188
For Injured Wildlife 1300 264 625

CRIME REPORT – Covering NHW The Gap

From May 14th – August 13th 2019

Source: S/Const Ricky Blanckensee

July 23rd - Virae Street – Home Break & Enter
Entry Method: Side sliding glass door; glass was smashed
STOLEN: Nothing – attempt only
June 10th – Michaela Crst – Vehicle Unlawful Entry
STOLEN: laptop, iPad, banking information
June 10th – Hilder Rd – Vehicle Unlawful Entry
STOLEN: ipad, iPhone, clothing, satchel bag, wallet & cards, earphones
June 8th – Warruga St – Home Break & Enter
Entry Method: side window *Time:* Afternoon
STOLEN: House & vehicle keys, GoPro, passport
June 8th – Maddison Place – Home Break & Enter
Entry Method: Back door; forced. *Time:* Afternoon
STOLEN: jewellery, keys
May 3rd – 7th – Gundara Street – Home Break & Enter
Entry Method: Removed garage window *Time:* Unknown
STOLEN: Jewellery

WIN A Party Pack Competition

To enter & go into the draw to WIN, simply message our NHWQ 4061 Facebook page, or email us and provide:

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Competition Closes 1/10/19

Winner announced 2/10/19

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With busy lives, it can be hard to find the time to volunteer, however the benefits to you and our 4061 community can be enormous.

Volunteering with us doesn't have to involve a long term commitment or to take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Roles vary with level of commitment and can be 30 minutes, 1 hour or 3 hours per week and many can be done from your home computer or smart phone!

How does volunteering help you?

- ♥ Make new friends/contacts
 - ♥ Giving to others can help protect your mental and physical health
 - ♥ Practice and develop your social skills with a group of people with common interests
 - ♥ Children watch everything you do so show them how good it feels to help other people and enact change
 - ♥ Older adults can find new meaning and direction post retirement or other life changes
 - ♥ Uni or high school students can learn valuable job skills such as; teamwork, communication, problem solving, project planning, research, task management and organisation and many more transferrable skills
- We are happy to provide references from your time with us for future employers.***
- ♥ The more we give, the happier we feel
 - ♥ When job hunting volunteering is as credible as paid work and demonstrates valuable personality traits and core values such as motivation, social responsibility and pro-activity; all highly valued traits by employers
 - ♥ Can provide energising escape from normal day to day routine
 - ♥ Scope for renewed creativity and vision which can carry over into your personal and professional life

We have positions for everyone, no matter your capabilities, the only requirements are passion and positivity 😊



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Brisbane West: <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanewest/>
You can visit or subscribe to the blogsite and our Facebook!

1) Turning the screws on crime – Vehicle Security

Recently there have been a number of unauthorised entries to motor vehicles within the Inner West Police District which have included the theft of number plates.

Some of these stolen number plates have been used in other criminal offences across Brisbane, such as fuel drive offs.

The fitment of the one-way security screws to registration number plates physically prevents the unlawful removal of number plates and their subsequent unlawful use in other offences.

Anti-Theft ONE-WAY screws can be fitted to your number plates free-of-charge by local Crime Prevention Officers
phone S/Const Ricky Blanckensee - 3872 1542

2) Changing perspectives – Home security

There are often typical circumstances which occur prior to a home being burgled. Burglars are opportunistic; they usually act on easy or tempting opportunities, especially when it is evident no one is home or the risk of being caught is low.

What you can do:

- Ensure doors are always locked – even when at home
- Ensure that all external doors (garage) are solid and fitted with quality deadlocks
- Consider fitting security screen doors, to Australian Standards
- Install a door viewer so you can see the person before you open the door
- Fit locks to your windows to Australian Standards, never leave the keys in the window lock
- Consider installing a security system which includes alarm, cameras and lighting with sensors covering all external doors, perimeter and garage
- Always ensure car keys and house keys, together with mobile phones, handbags and wallets are stored out of sight
- Ensure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow visibility to your property and house number is clearly visible
- Lock away items of value; bikes, lawn mowers



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