

# Neighbourhood Watch

## The Gap

### NEWSLETTER

August 14<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

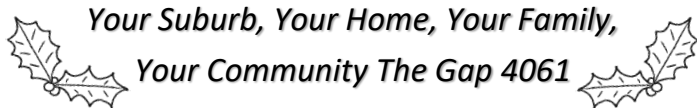


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## COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

### Our team is growing!!

We are so excited to now be fielding a team of 26 volunteers who have already contributed to:

- A successful first Newsletter making it to your mailbox,
- A sensational result from our first ever Bunnings BBQ raising just over \$1700, and
- Running our first little event Park, Play, Picnic in line with Get Online week.

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and we welcome all residents to get in contact, should you like to join us into 2020.

### 4061 CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY /LIGHTS MAP

**\*Does your street or local area host a Neighbourhood Christmas party? Have you seen amazing Christmas lights?**

Let us know by messaging our Facebook page or by email with the date and time and what to bring (parties), or the name of the road for the lights, and we'll put together a 4061 map!



**Q:** What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

**A:** The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

**Q:** What do you call an elf who sings?

**A:** A Wrapper!

### NAME THE PLACE challenge:

*It's a place in our suburb, a bit like a lake,  
At certain times of the year, a catfish friend you may make,  
It's right here 4061, so no need to go far,  
It's a place we call.....*

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## QUEENSLAND POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS



The Gap Police Station 3510 1111  
SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88

**Neighbourhood Watch Queensland Website**  
<https://www.nhwq.org/>

Police Blog  
<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanewest/>

## CRIME REPORT – Covering NHW The Gap

**From 14<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**

Source: S/Const Paul Bagnall

12<sup>th</sup> August: **Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle Cooinda St.** Vehicle stolen & personal property  
15<sup>th</sup> August: **Steal From Premises Men's Shed - Yoorala Street:** Attempt only  
19<sup>th</sup> August: **Burglary Bunratty St:** Stolen: Keys for vehicle  
1<sup>st</sup> September: **Break & Enter Waterworks Rd:** Stolen Wallet, Keys, Sunglasses  
2<sup>nd</sup> September: **Break & Enter: Barkala St:** Attempted burglary- Nil stolen  
2<sup>nd</sup> September: **Steal From Premises Cooinda St:** Storage Shed  
13<sup>th</sup> September: **Steal From Premises Marral Street:** Sunglasses, personal documentation  
13/14<sup>th</sup> September: **Steal From Premises Romea Street:** CDs, pressure gauge, vehicle log book  
13<sup>th</sup> September: **Steal From Motor Vehicle Romea Street:** Vehicle log book, kitchen utensils  
25<sup>th</sup> September: **Break & Enter Dwelling Canterbury Place:** Stolen: Nil  
24<sup>th</sup> September: **Steal From Motor Vehicle Shallmar Street:** Stolen: Nil  
15<sup>th</sup> October: **Steal from Premises Madeira Street:** How: Residence under renovation  
Between 18 & 21<sup>st</sup> October: **Steal from Premises Dillon Road:** How: House under construction



**It's important to know how to stay safe in the 'real world' and the 'online world'.**

**Can you explain the difference between the 'real world' and the 'online world'?**

**What things do you do to stay safe online?**

**Answer:** If you can throw a ball and the person you are talking to can catch it, then they are in the 'real world'.

If you throw a ball and it hits your device screen and bounces back, then they are in the 'online world'.

To stay safe online don't send photos or videos to others, don't share your personal information and don't post or share mean or rude content.

Always let your parents or carers know what you are doing online.

\*Source <https://danielmorcombefoundation.com.au/>

## 12 Days of Christmas – Top Safety Tips

Here are 12 of our top holiday safety tips to keep you and those you'll be spending the holiday season with safe and ready for the New Year in 2020.

1. Remember the **Fatal Five**: Buckle up, Don't speed, Don't drive fatigued, Don't become distracted, Never drink and drive.
2. Plan your transport needs before you go out. Have a designated dry driver – a mate who has a great night out and doesn't have an alcoholic drink.
3. Monitor your drinking, eat before and during drinking, alternate alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at a sensible pace, do not leave drinks unattended and only accept drinks from people you trust and monitor who makes your drink.
4. Lock all doors and windows, observe movements in your street, check your home security, know your neighbours, secure your shed and garage, engrave your property.
5. With school holidays happening, waterways are expected to get busier. Police are reminding recreational boaters to check their safety gear before venturing to the water.
6. Beware of different scams out there including unexpected money or winnings, fake charities, dating and romance, buying or selling, jobs and investments, attempting to gain personal information, remote access scams and threats and extortion.
7. Look after our local schools and report any suspicious activity to School Watch over the school holidays 131788.
8. Keep your curtains and window blinds closed at night, making sure valuable items are out of sight as thieves go window shopping. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
9. Secure parcels and gifts in the boot of your car when parked in the shopping centre car park and keep all valuables out of sight.
10. Sign up to the myPolice Brisbane West blog <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanewest/>
11. Ensure you like/follow our Facebook page for specific information in your area.
12. Have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

## Domestic violence: it's time to say 'enough'

Sadly, domestic violence is being reported on a regular basis. Domestic violence can include physical, emotional, sexual or psychological abuse. It can also include neglect, financial abuse and controlling behaviour. It can happen in all types of relationships including family members, past or current relationships, relatives, carers or guardians.

It's important everyone in the community is alert for the signs and takes a stand against all kinds of domestic violence. If you suspect a neighbour, friend, family member or colleague is being abused, visit [www.dvconnect.org](http://www.dvconnect.org) or call DV Connect (Womensline on 1800 811 811 or Mensline on 1800 600 636), or Elder Abuse Helpline on 1300 651 192, or Policelink on 131 444 for support, advice and referrals, to prevent serious harm occurring.

### What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based program delivered by community members in partnership with the Police.

Its objective is to encourage community members to work together to establish partnerships with the goal of reducing crime and improving the safety of all people who live, visit and do business in neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood Watch is an internationally well-recognised and established brand within the community and has a very strong and committed volunteer base.

### 4061, Values, Mission & Vision

#### Our Values:

**Safety, Participation, Inclusion**

#### Our Mission:

**To engage and connect 4061 individuals, families, businesses, and communities for a safe and united suburb**

#### Our Vision:

**To create a strong, safe, interactive, inclusive 4061 community where neighbours feel supported and valued**



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