

# Neighbourhood Watch The Gap NEWSLETTER Feb/March 2020



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*Your Suburb, Your Home, Your Family,  
Your Community The Gap 4061*

## 2021 Home Safety Audit

*Ways to make your home and family more secure.*

### GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- Report suspicious people or vehicles to Policelink 131444
- Ensure doors and windows are secured, even when at home.
- Secure your home when you leave by locking all doors and windows.
- Ask for credentials from all persons who request entry to your home
- Make it appear you're at home (when away) by leaving lights on and music or the TV playing; timers are useful.
- Keep cash, keys and valuables out of sight and out of reach.
- Don't leave notes on the door, or say you'll be away on social media.
- Don't leave a house key in obvious places.
- Mark valuable property using the [Property Identification System](#).

### Around the Home Doors

- The external doors of your home should be of solid-core construction and fitted with key-operated double-cylinder deadlock
- Install a door viewer that allows you to see the person before you open the door.
- When going away for extended periods of time disconnect the electricity to the electronic garage doors.
- If you need to leave a door open for ventilation, consider installing a security screen door.

### Windows

- No matter what type of window you have, key operated locks should be fitted and used.
- Always lock ground-floor windows and windows that are not visible from the street or are within an



## QUEENSLAND POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

The Gap Police Station  
SCHOOL WATCH

3510 1111  
13 17 88

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

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

easy reach from a drainpipe, roof or wheelie bin as these are more easily accessed.

- Consider installing security screens.

### Yards and lighting

- A house which allows neighbours and people passing by a clear and uninterrupted view makes it less likely to be broken into.
- Make sure your home is not shielded by trees, so that intruders or people acting suspiciously can be observed.
- Always lock tools, ladders and garden equipment away so they can't be used to gain entry to your home.
- Keep all of your gates locked and in good repair.
- Consider installing sensor lights.

## EVENT

### Dogs on Patrol & Turn the Screws

**When: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 3-5pm**

**Where:** Dog Park behind the Ferny Grove Police Station, off Tramway Street.

*Run by our Neighbouring Ferny Grove 10 NHW Group*

### Dogs on Patrol

This program encourages dog walkers to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious activity to police.

### Turning the Screws on Crime

Stolen plates are fitted to other cars so criminals can drive on the road without being detected by police. These cars are often involved in criminal offences like robbery, petrol drive-offs and evasion of speed or red-light camera fines.


A way to prevent becoming a victim of number plate theft is to have anti-theft screws fitted to your car number plates.

Why not take advantage of the opportunity to both walk your dog and have one-way screws fitted to your number plates? If you can't make it on the day, you can always contact the Ferny Grove Police Station on 3872 1542 to access this FREE service.

## Graffiti vandalism is a crime.

Defacing property with graffiti is anti-social behaviour and punishable by law.

Brisbane City Council defines graffiti as a mark made by leaving scratches, tags, pictures, stickers, paint or damage to another person's property in any way without the owners' permission.

 The penalty for defacing property

If you deface property with graffiti you can be charged with willful damage which is punishable with 5 years in prison.

It is also an offence to possess an aerosol spray, marker or other instrument which:

- is being used for graffiti
- is suspected of having been used for graffiti
- may be about to be used for graffiti.

This carries a maximum penalty of 20 penalty units (\$2669) or 1 year in prison.

 Removing graffiti 

Quickly removing graffiti is the most effective way to tackle the problem.


Removing it quickly reduces the recognition that graffiti vandals want.

It also shows that the affected area is being monitored and looked after; this deters other graffiti vandals defacing property in the area.

 Private Property Graffiti Removal 

Free graffiti removal kits are available for businesses and residents at all The Gap Ward Office.

 REPORT IT:

 If you have information that might help to identify people involved with graffiti, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

To report graffiti on private property, or for specific removal advice, call Council on (07) 3403 8888.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill  
all his Scrabble letters on  
the road.

I asked him,  
"What's the word  
on the street?"

### CRIME REPORT – Covering NHW The Gap

From -24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 to 17 Feb 2021

Source: S/Const Paul Bagnall

#### Motor Vehicle Theft

- Sherman Street; 2015 Landrover Discovery
- Phoenix Court; White Audi Hatchback

#### Steal From Motor Vehicle

- Barkala Street - residential street; Cash, keys, wallet.
- Shopping Centre Carpark \*Vehicle unlocked\*; Ipad

#### Break and Enter Dwelling

- Alutha Road; \*Unlocked Garage Door\*; Garage Remotes Stolen
- Sherman Street; \*Unlocked Read Door\*; Sneak Break Cash / cards/ handbag / purse/ vehicle Keys / 2015 Landrover Discovery
- Pender Street; Unknown entry by garage door - sneak break in; 3 x bicycles, sporting shoes
- Barabooka Drive; Unlocked Side Gate; Unknown stolen
- Kendi Street; Back door lock forced; Nil Stolen
- Payne Road; Forced Rear Door; Nil Stolen
- Foothill Place; Attempted Entry to front windows; Nil Stolen
- Kilmaine Street; \*Unlocked garage door\* Nil Stolen

#### Steal From Premises

- Waterworks Road; Food Business

#### Wilful Damage

- Settlement Road; Rear window to vehicle smashed
- Waterworks Road; Golf course fairways and green damaged
- Romea Street; Garden Hose Damaged
- Belclare Street; Paintwork Damage to Car

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