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AREA 1A – TWEED HEADS

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PUT YOURSELF IN A BURGLAR'S SHOES!

One thing every person should do at least once a year is take a walk around and through your home with a close friend or neighbour who is not too familiar with your home. Start outside and ask yourself "how would I best break in? The purpose of not doing it alone is your friend may spot things you'll overlook.

Besides the obvious "lived-in" look, don't get into a habit of only doing certain things when you're not home. Chances are you can tell when your neighbour isn't home. Remember it's a burglar's job to know the same things. Most professional criminals can tell nobody's home. Several dead giveaways are always closing the drapes ONLY when you're not home. Having no garbage cans out on collection day; an empty bin sitting at the curb or mail over-flowing from your mail box. All of these are tip-offs you're not home.

Many people before leaving turn on the light over the kitchen sink. You might as well hang a sign on the front door you're not home! If you use an answering machine never leave a message that you're not home. Instead say you can't come to the phone right now. If you don't have a machine, turn down the volume on phones before leaving so it can't be heard from outside - another dead giveaway nobody's home. Remember your best friend when not at home is your neighbour – communicate to them when you will be away.



MEMBERSHIP

Name:

Address:

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Post to: 1/71 Kiata Parade, Tweed Heads NSW 2485

Our philosophy and approach is to work together as a community to reduce crime and enhance safety. We encourage all residents to join us at our informal meetings for the purpose of improving the safety of our homes, families and other people who live and visit our area. We also encourage interaction and a shared sense of responsibility between individuals, neighbours and communities for preventing and reducing crime.

We are committed to looking out for each other and assisting the Police by providing them with quality information to help them in their duties of upholding the law.

It's no secret that crime is increasing every year and is invading what once were considered "safe communities." The most likely things to be stolen in a burglary are cash, small electronic equipment, home computers, cameras, jewellery etc.

Few people really bother about security until something happens to them or a neighbour. The public's complacent attitude is the burglar's best friend and your worst enemy.

There are many things the average person can do to make their home less of a target. We encourage you to tell your neighbour that you are happy to pick up their mail and advertising leaflets, keep a watch over their homes, bring in their wheelie bins etc when they are away and ask them to do the same for you. A house that looks unoccupied can be a target for thieves!

Remember, the two things a burglar fears most are being seen and having to take too much time to complete the crime.

Our next meeting is 12 February 2011 at 2pm at the Lakeside Christian Centre. New faces are always welcome. Please come along and let's join together to make our area a safe place for our loved ones and neighbours.

**NO CRIME TO REPORT IN OUR AREA –
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FOR TWEED HEADS
AREA 1A IS WORKING!!!!**

CO-ORDINATOR'S LETTER:

Neighbourhood Watch is definitely working. Apart from one incident on Ducat Street, there has been no report of any type of crime in our area.

If you have a matter of concern please do not hesitate to ring me – 5536 9438.

Please come along to our next meeting on 12 February 2011. It is only with commitment from the local residents that we can make *neighbourhood watch* work to your benefit.

Alan Crofts.

Website Information:

TWEED Valley Neighbourhood Watch has launched a new website to keep the community informed.

Combined Neighbourhood Watch secretary Gordon Levenson said residents from across the shire could access news from the 14 Neighbourhood Watch areas. The idea is for locals to look at the website and keep abreast of local information. There will also be holiday tips for visitors and information from the Police.

Website address:
<http://www.tweedneighbourhoodwatch.org.au/>

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

**Saturday 12 February 2011
at 2.00pm**

**At Lakeside Christian Centre (Tea Room)
Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads**

New faces are always welcome, and you will not necessarily be given a job to do!

BE INFORMED

ATTENTION NEIGHBOURS

A spokesperson on behalf of the Lakeside Christian Centre will speak at our 12 February 2011 meeting.

Don't listen to gossip or media reports.

Come along and hear first hand what is proposed for the Centre in the future!!!!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

- If you are reporting an emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**.
- If you are reporting a crime where you are the victim, call **131 444**.
- If you are reporting crime related information, call *Crime Stoppers* at **1800 333 000**.
- Tweed Police Station - **5536 0999**



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