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Steve Batterham
National President

From the President

“Without Neighbourhood Watch (Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand), we would indeed experience higher levels of both reported and unreported crime, have increased levels of social isolation and the related mental health issues, as a community we would be relying on myths about community safety and crime issues, instead of facts. In my strong opinion, all of these things would ultimately result in unsafe, exclusive and stagnated communities. Who in their right mind would like to exist in that type of community?” **Steve Batterham, President, NHWA**

Welcome to our first Neighbourhood Watch Australasia magazine for 2013. It seems only yesterday we were celebrating the Christmas break, time certainly stops for no one and that is one of the reasons why each of us should do all we can, working together to strengthen the communities we live in.

I trust that the articles in this magazine encourage you to continue striving for excellence in the work you are doing through neighbourhood watch and light the spark for those who are sitting on the fence.

My challenge for each of you (us) in 2013 is to get involved in your community and know who your neighbours are.

Keep up the fantastic work.



Ingrid Stonhill
Chief Executive Officer

From the Chief Executive Officer

Well we at NHTA have hit the ground running in the new year of 2013. In our third month we have already completed two Executive Meetings and have set some serious project work to complete this year. Our project priorities are listed on page 32 in the NHTA Strategic Business Plan.

This year we introduce and welcome some new Executive Board members. We look forward to working with them and receiving the advantage of their expertise in the community safety, crime prevention sector. You can be introduced to our Executive Team on page 5 and 6.

In this, our first publication for the year, we hear of some of the extraordinary community efforts in the face of adversity from our friends in Tasmania. We also take a look at each of our member jurisdictions as they showcase to you some of their recent activities and achievements.

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Most importantly to, we want to make sure that you are aware of this year's NHTA Community Funding Program. This is where you, in your local neighbourhood, get to select an initiative to help keep your neighbourhood safe - and we will provide you with the funds. You can read more about it on Page 9. I strongly suggest you take advantage of this funding opportunity.

This is going to be an exciting year for us here at NHTA! We will shortly be producing our first ever Annual Report which I hope you will receive via email or in the post. This is so you can see what we have achieved with just one year of Government funding!

Enjoy the autumn months and we will be back with another magazine for winter.

Ingrid

Executive Committee Introductions



Steve Batterham - President

Steve Batterham commenced with the Queensland Police Service in 1989 after spending some time working in the banking sector. The career move was motivated by his desire to serve the community and the variety of work that a policing career provides. Steve initially worked in general duties before moving to major and organised crime. In 2000 Steve decided to move into the crime prevention field and initially worked as a school based police officer before moving to a neighbourhood police beat role and then to his current position as a program coordinator within the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch. Steve is the President of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



Bernie Durkin - Vice President

Bernie is the Executive Manager for the Community Engagement Division of the Western Australia Police. Part of this role encompasses the position of WA State Director for NHW. In 1988 Bernie joined WA Police as a sworn Police Officer then switching to a Public Servant in 2008. In his current role Bernie manages a team of crime prevention community engagement staff and is extensively involved with NHW at both a State and National level. Bernie is currently the Vice President of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



Gill Metz - Treasurer

Gill is the State Manager of NHW Victoria. Gill has significant experience in the fields of community engagement, community development, community safety, administration and governance, having worked in local government both in Australia and overseas. Gill is formerly a regional executive with the Country Fire Authority and today maintains an active voluntary role as a country fire fighter. Gill is the newly appointed Treasurer of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.



Ingrid Stonhill - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid has extensive experience in local government, federal government and non government agencies. For the last 15 years Ingrid has been predominantly focused on community development, crime prevention and community engagement - within the voluntary, policing and government sectors.

Ingrid has been an elected local body politician, an advisor to a senior Member of Parliament, run her own Public Relations and Marketing business and spent two years as a volunteer in the Pacific Islands. Ingrid brings to NHWA an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the organisation as a founding member and administrator of the board. Ingrid was the inaugural National Manager of Neighbourhood Support New Zealand prior to immigrating to Australia.

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Margaret Pearson - Secretary

Throughout Margaret's career she has made a significant contribution to the voluntary sector by being involved with numerous community organizations. For the past ten years Margaret has been an instrumental member of Neighbourhood Watch in the ACT. She has held a variety of positions within the organization and currently is the President of the ACT NHW Association Inc.

Having lived overseas for a number of years Margaret returned to Canberra to work at Parliament House. Whilst Margaret has retired from full time employment, she continues to follow her great interest in local and international politics. Margaret is currently the secretary of NHWA.



David Wardrop - Executive Officer

David Wardrop commenced with the South Australia Police in September 1975. He has worked as a General Patrol Officer and Supervisor in country and metropolitan areas, as a Research and Project Officer, Police Youth Officer and as Crime Prevention Section Manager. He has extensive experience in project and change management and has undertaken two separate State wide reviews of Neighbourhood Watch in SA. David has been a Police Coordinator in Neighbourhood Watch for 23 years and has held the position of WatchSA State Coordinator since 2003.



Clare McGrath - Board Member

Clare is currently the Vice-President and Board Member of the ACT Neighbourhood Watch Association. Clare has been an active member of NHW since 1985, primarily in the Ainslie Suburb of Canberra where she has lived since 1962 after moving from Melbourne.

Clare is employed with the Australian Electoral Commission and although this is a busy role, she also finds time to be a member of the ACT Safety House Association. Clare is a self professed sports lover and a one eyed Hawthorn supporter.



Roger Eynon - Board Member

Roger Eynon is from Wirral in the United Kingdom. Both he and his wife moved to New Zealand together in October 2006, quickly settling in Wellington and have been lucky to integrate whole-heartedly in the Kiwi way of life.

Roger originally spent 21 years working for HSBC and then moved on to manage a community centre in Merseyside that hosted 47 service providers, a secondary care unit and a crèche. He moved to Merseyside Police as a Financial Investigation Officer in 2005.

After a brief stint with ACC, he commenced as National Manager of Neighbourhood Support New Zealand in February 2008.



Dennis Obst - Board Member

Dennis Obst hails from rural South Australia and has served as a clergy person in Cooma, Hobart, Melbourne, Barossa Valley and Adelaide. He joined NHW in 2004 to lead it's relaunch in Felixstow and now is the President of the Volunteers Association in South Australia. Dennis is a DiSC and Leadership workshop facilitator and also enjoys 'working' in the shed and home maintenance. He is an avid Adelaide Crows Supporter and has also been in love with Sandra for over 40 years.



Michael Hebb - Board Member

Michael Hebb commenced with Victoria Police in 1988, working in General Duties, Traffic Policing and plain clothes Investigations units in metropolitan & rural locations. In 2008 he joined the Northern Territory Police Force, and has been positioned in Darwin since that time. He has worked in General Duties, Violent Crime Policy Section & the Remote Policing Command. Michael is currently the Officer in Charge of the Darwin City Police Station.



Pat Leary - Board Member

Patricia Leary is currently the State Secretary/Vice President Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania Inc. Pat has professed to recently retiring, and indeed has stepped down from being the Deputy President Fair Work Commission (and its predecessors) for some 28 years; a Member/President Tasmanian Industrial Commission some 12 years; a Member/President Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal over a 20 year period.

However Pat still serves as the Chair of the Northern Territory Police Arbitral Tribunal (since 2002); Chair of the Tasmanian Police Review Board and Member (since 2004); Deputy Chair Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (since 2006); Chair Red Cross Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal Fund Distribution Committee; and Chair of the Centenary of ANZAC Steering Committee (Tasmania).



Ashley Lange - Board Member

Ashley Lange is a Superintendent in SA Police and is currently the Officer in Charge of Community Relations Section, Commissioner's Support Branch. He has 40 years of policing experience in country and metropolitan postings including specialist policing areas, HR/training, and overseas deployments through the Officer Exchange Program (Singapore Police Force) and East Timor (United Nations Mission in Support of East Timor).



Carlee Mahoney - Board Member

Carlee Mahoney is a Detective Inspector within the NSW South Wales Police Force with over 17 years experience in law enforcement, including working as a Detective in the NSW Police, a lead investigator with Australian Crime Commission and recently assisted in the development of the Social Media Policy within her role at the Professional Standards Command, NSW Police.

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An Australian Government Initiative

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Awards 2013

Each year, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia like to recognise and celebrate the hardworking individuals who make up Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Support (NZ). These individuals are a highly valued asset for our communities and police. We want to share and promote the good work of all our members across New Zealand and Australia.

This year we will be asking for nominations for the Malcolm Grant

OAM - NHWA Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is given to a volunteer community member. We will also be seeking nominations for the NHWA Police Commissioner's Award. This award is given to a police employee.

There will also be the Commonwealth Minister of Justice - NHWA Innovation Award. This award is given in recognition of an innovative community project, promoting community safety and NHW values. This award is selected

through the NHWA Community Funding Program.

Nominations for the NHWA Awards will open on Monday 1 July 2013 and close on Friday 30th August 2013. Nomination forms will be available from the website by 1 July 2013.

Nominations should be sent in confidence to the NHWA National Office, PO Box 12654, George Street, Brisbane, QLD 4003.

For further information check out the website: nhwa.com.au. Or email Ingrid Stonhill at Ingrid.Stonhill@nhwa.com.au



An Australian Government Initiative

The NHWA Community Funding Program for 2013

Applications will open for the 2013 NHWA Community Funding Program on 2nd August 2013 and close 5pm 30th August 2013.

What is the NHWA Community Funding Program?

The Neighbourhood Watch Australasia CFP is in its second year and has been created to:

- continue to engage and strengthen local communities in relation to crime prevention and community safety;
- promote the exchange of information and further build partnerships between the police, local communities and government;
- enabling safer and vibrant communities.

What is the 2013 funding for?

The 2013 funds will be focused on dealing with incidents of anti social behaviour in communities. Applications received that focus on dealing with or educating your local community with a focus on anti social behaviour caused or influenced by alcohol misuse are desirable.

In our Australasian Community Survey, you told us that the issues you would most like to address in your community where:

- Speeding and Hooning
- Burglary and Theft
- Vandalism and Graffiti
- Litter
- Alcohol juvenile delinquency
- Loud music and Parties

What can I do in my community?

We would like you to facilitate the development of a community initiative aimed at improving your community safety and reducing and preventing crime and the fear of crime. Through this initiative we would like you to promote community participation and a shared responsibility for community safety through the exchange of information and partnership building between you and your local police.

If you get together with members in your street/neighbourhood to address anti social behaviours or crime that is affecting you all, then it will help strengthen your communities capacity to create local solutions for local problems.

We will be publishing on line some information and resources that will help get you started!

Funding amounts and time periods

Funds will be available to a maximum of \$3,000 per application for your community to develop and implement community safety and crime prevention initiatives. Funding applications for small grants of under \$1 000 are encouraged. Your initiative can be for more than six months in duration, but funding will not be provided for more than 6 months.

Who is eligible to apply to the NHWA Community Funding Program?

All applicants must be either:

- A NHW incorporated not-for-profit organisation OR
- An organisation sponsoring an unincorporated NHW not-for-profit organisation OR
- A Local Government Authority working in partnership with NHW OR
- A Member on behalf of an Australian Police Force/Service working in partnership with community.

**Go to the NHWA website to get more information www.nhwa.com.au
or contact Ingrid Stonhill, CEO, NHWA on ingrid.stonhill@nhwa.com.au**

NHW ACT in this centenary year 2013

2013 marks 100 years since Lady Denman, the wife of the then Governor-General Lord Denman, announced the name of the new Australian capital: Canberra. The Centenary of Canberra is a year-long program of events which showcase the capital's history and help to tell the story of a capital city designed for all Australians.

NHW ACT is participating in the centenary celebrations in a number of ways, including providing a NHW presence at events such as the Canberra Show. NHW areas across Canberra are planning to include historical information about their suburbs in newsletters and other materials. The NHW ACT Board of Management has commissioned a project to explore and record the history of NHW in Canberra.

The Dunlop and Charnwood NHW areas will be among the first areas to run a newsletter feature about their suburbs' history. "Although our suburb is quite young in comparison to many parts of Canberra, we think that there is still some interesting history to be found," said Dr Judi Reardon, Area Coordinator of Dunlop and NHW ACT Deputy President. "We hope that by presenting something of the history of the suburb, we can help to foster a community feeling – an ownership of the suburb." Ms Yvonne Lipscombe, Area Coordinator of Charnwood agrees, "We want to present our suburb in a positive way –



we want people to feel a sense of place."

NHW ACT has a 30 year history in Canberra, and has steadily grown from small beginnings in 1984. The organisation now has area committees in many parts of Canberra and enjoys excellent relations with the

Australian Federal Police. "Even though we are a young organisation when compared with Canberra's 100 year history, we think that now is the time to explore and record our history," said Ms Margaret Pearson, President NHW ACT.



“2014 will be our 30 year anniversary and we have commissioned a project to record the history of our organisation. We can celebrate our history and at the same time look forward to the role NHW ACT can play in the ACT community in the future.”

Canberra has seen many changes since its establishment in 1913 as the national capital. The Canberra population, now approximately 300,000 people, is bigger than the population originally envisaged for the city. Canberra has grown as a capital at the same time as changes in technology, society, and culture has shaped Australia as a nation.

NHW ACT has, for part of Canberra’s long history, been a part of helping the citizens of Canberra with the neighbourhood challenges that have arisen over time. The Board of NHW ACT is now looking forward to helping Canberrans for the next 30 years.



Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

Out and about, working with our local Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Neighbourhood Support Waitakere (NSW) continues to work alongside the Starling Park Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) with an ongoing drive to encourage the formation of new Neighbourhood Support Groups and identify Street Contacts in this suburb in addition to normal growth across the area.

NSW provides training and ongoing support for any new Street Contacts, encouraging these motivated and capable volunteers to take a small leadership role within their Streets – leading by example to generate wider community spirit and great communication networks.

The turnout at street BBQs is ever increasing. Enthusiasm is accompanied by wide smiles and whole-hearted participation in street games. A healthy mix of children and adults ensure the events are always lots of fun. The latest street BBQs include Waitemata Drive, Scarlet and Camphora Place; in a rewarding collaborative approach with the NPT (who rock the BBQ!), Jenny Tanner from Back 2 Back and Tu Nu'uali'tia from West Force who keeps everyone entertained with Street games!

With a joint aim of community ownership, NSW are proving their worth to the local NPT and together they are demonstrating that communities do respond to a challenge of reinvigorating the place they live in and around.



Clean Up Day

NSW were invited to attend the McLaren Park NPT “Clean Up Day” planned for the local shopping area in their community. We dug out our work clothes and gardening gloves and joined their team, along with MPHS and the local community for a mammoth task made light by many hands.

The community was well represented, with local Intermediate School pupils and principal joining shoppers, residents, police volunteers and the local fire crew who brought along a bouncy castle for the younger children, also putting on some fantastic educational displays on how damaging kitchen fires can be.

The McLaren Park NPT cooked everyone a gourmet BBQ lunch on a state of the art BBQ Trailer; carefully constructed by the Henderson Mens Shed – what a great resource! Once again it was great to meet some new faces in the community and generate more membership for Neighbourhood Support Waitakere. McLaren Park NPT have more events planned for the coming months which we look forward to attending.



Before



After



Waitakere Big Day Out



It was with great excitement that a group of twenty five children met at the Henderson Police Station on a Friday morning in November, eager to be introduced to their Police or Fire 'buddy' for a days adventure at Rainbows End! Despite the weather forecast, the sun shone on us all day long, giving us a real taste of summer to come.

Junior Neighbourhood Support Waitakere 'Big Day Out' at Rainbows End is a much anticipated annual event. Students who have received JNS awards throughout the year are drawn to see who will get to represent their school on this action packed day of fun.

The day's adventures included 'scream inducing' rides on the Power Surge, Invader and Fearfall, along with a few soaked backsides from rampages on the Bumper Boats and minor whiplash for the oldies from demo derby antics on the Dodgems! It was noted that some of our supervising 'buddies' need to work a little on their sprinting efforts to keep up with their excited teams racing between activities! A well timed break gave everyone a chance to regroup with a massive BBQ lunch, cooked to perfection by our office extraordinaires Sharon and Chairman Les who rolled up their sleeves to create gourmet burgers and snacks. Back to the rides for another couple of hours packed with action before hitting the motorway traffic to head back out West with some very worn out adventurers. All in all it was another fabulous day out. The behaviour of the children, as always, a credit to their schools - repeatedly expressed in all the positive comments received back from the volunteers who assisted on the day.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our sponsors and supporters, NZ Police, NZ Fire Service, Civil Defence, Westfield Westcity, The Trusts, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, and Reduced to Clear Henderson, who all contribute throughout the year to the success of JNS Waitakere. I would personally like to thank everyone for their efforts in making the event such a success - see you next year!

Louise Grevel

JNS Coordinator - Waitakere



Junior Neighbourhood Support Waitakere currently operates in ten schools within the West Auckland area, recognizing and rewarding students for selfless acts and community spirit, whilst encouraging everyone to 'make the right choices'. Awards are presented at assemblies and are always supported by a Police or Fire Officer who is able to take the opportunity to share a brief but worthwhile safety message with the school during the presentations.

NT Regional Consultations

From the 4th to the 8th of February 2013 a series of consultations were undertaken at a number of locations within the Northern Territory.

Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton (NHWNT Support & Liaison Officer), Lauren Moss (NT Early Intervention Pilot Program Coordinator - NTEIPP), Sarah Trinne (NT Police Regional Communications Media Officer) and Acting Superintendent Michael Hebb (NT Executive member of NHW Australasia) departed Darwin on a road trip to Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

This travel provided a much needed opportunity for face to face engagement with local Police, non Government organisations and various service providers. These engagements enabled updates to be provided about NHW at NT and Australasia levels and identified key persons and organisations at local levels to garner support for future projects and growth of both NHWNT and NHWA.

NTEIPP aim is to reduce the harms related to alcohol and other substances for young people through partnerships with Police and Community Services. The program runs monthly workshops in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs



Tracy-Dale in Alice Springs with Richard Brady Regional Coordinator.

and surrounding areas. Through this joint trip, plenty of opportunities were identified for NHWNT and NTEIPP programs to work in partnership.

NHWNT discussed the three Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) courses that will be held for all interested NHW members throughout the Territory in 2013.

Darwin 27-28 May, Katherine 30-31 May and Alice Springs 03-04 June. Trained members will then be able to provide safety audits to their local community and discuss issues regarding safety in their community. This program will include working with other agencies such as Victims of Crime NT, who will provide referrals to the program.

The NT Safety House Program is



Clockwise from above: Safety House Max; Travel mode decisions; NTEIPP Lauren Moss & TDM at Alice Springs airport.

currently being revitalised and NHWNT members are joining in the program up and down the track. The more of those little yellow signs seen throughout our communities, the more our children will feel safer travelling to and from school each day.

NHWNT is also working with NTEIPP and other Youth Groups, such as Headspace and Youth Advisory Groups, looking at programs that will encourage youths to become more involved in their community.

Through the NHW Australasia Community Funding Program, NHWNT is creating an updated membership booklet, which will be completed by June this year. The booklet will include valuable information on safety in the community.



NTEIPP Dave Dacey giving presentation to Alice Springs Headspace.



NHW QUEENSLAND

Gold Coast Neighbourhood Watch Lead the Way



Queensland Neighbourhood Watch Groups continue to produce excellent results by organising local events to raise the profile of the program. On 16 February 2013 at the Q Super Shopping Centre, Mermaid Waters six Gold Coast Neighbourhood Watch groups combined to conduct an Information and Awareness Day to:-

- 1) raise the profile of NHW in the Robina, Broadbeach Waters and Mermaid Waters areas;
- 2) promote the benefits of NHW and to be seen supporting police, ensuring a safer and more secure community; and
- 3) establish new NHW groups in areas where a strong interest may exist.

The day proved very successful with significant interest in Neighbourhood Watch from local shoppers. A team of NHW members, Police, Volunteers in Policing, and Gold Coast Councillor, Paul Taylor, worked hard to make the day such a success.

NHW Gold Coast District Committee Secretary, Neal Hammond stated, 'This type of promotion was ideal with a captured audience and a relatively simple day to plan for. There are already plans in place to hold similar shopping day events throughout the Gold Coast District.'

'The opportunity to seek funding from NHWA was very much appreciated and assisted in a strong promotion on the day', he said.

The event resulted in the identification of potential new Neighbourhood Watch areas, including Clear Island Waters, Mermaid Beach and the Barrier Reef Drive area of Mermaid Waters. These potential groups will be followed by the Neighbourhood Watch Gold Coast District Committee together with the Gold Coast District Crime Prevention Unit.

Congratulations to all people involved for making this event, and other like events, such a great success for a safer and more secure community.



Date Claimer: Queensland State NHW Conference 2013

This year's State Neighbourhood Watch Conference will be hosted by the Ipswich District Crime Prevention Office and will commemorate 25 years of Neighbourhood Watch in Queensland. The conference will be held at the Ipswich Civic Centre on 2 November 2013. Please mark this date in your diary!

Community warms to summer safety

Reprinted courtesy of South Australia Police, Blueprint Issue 1, 2013

Long, hot days and balmy evenings are the hallmarks of the South Australian summer. It's the perfect backdrop for partying, spending quality time with friends and family and soaking up the many pleasures of the great outdoors. However, with so many distractions it's easy to become complacent about your own safety.

SAPOL has recognised this with a 12-week Summer Safety campaign to reassure and protect the community by providing practical hints and tips to keep residents and visitors safe throughout summer.

Running until 22 February 2013, the campaign involved weekly fact sheets available on the SAPOL website and the promotion of practical crime prevention messages on Facebook and Twitter.

"We appreciate that for many South Australians summer is a time of festivities, fun and family holidays but the change in behaviour can see us forget the basics of safety, drinking in moderation and taking care of the people and things that we value," said the Officer in Charge of Community Relations Section, Superintendent Ashley Lange.

"Police always want people to enjoy themselves but to stay safe. That means planning ahead, not drinking and driving, watching

out for your mates and keeping your family and belongings safe both at home and while enjoying the outdoors."

The Summer Safety campaign provided valuable tips for partying safely over the Christmas and New Year period as well as helpful advice about beach and water safety, home security, and drinking smarter this summer.

"SAPOL puts out messages all year round to empower people to protect themselves from being a target of crime," Superintendent Lange said.

"These targeted safety messages have been specifically tailored and timed to match the changing facets of the summer period and remind the public of the key summer safety themes."

The Summer Safety tips and crime prevention messages were positively received by SAPOL's 86 000 Facebook friends and more than 9300 Twitter followers, with the campaign reaching an overall weekly audience in excess of 200 000 across all of SAPOL's media platforms.

"The use of social media has injected a fresh and contemporary angle to crime prevention, potentially delivering the key messages to a younger and broader audience," Superintendent Lange said.



Western Adelaide Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Turning up the heat on anti-social behaviour

Throughout the summer period SAPOL's Summer Safety campaign worked in tandem with both local and national operations, such as Operation Unite (a multi-jurisdiction joint effort to crack down on alcohol-fuelled violence), together with specific Local Service Area (LSA) beach and traffic operations to ensure a consistent, proactive message.

Covering the coastline from Christies Beach through to Sellicks Beach, Operation Foreshore focused on responsible alcohol consumption, appropriate behaviour and road safety on and around beaches in South Coast LSA.



"We dedicated our Uniform Tactical Team to this operation and utilised uniform patrols to provide an overt police presence at beaches," said South Coast LSA Operations Manager, Chief Inspector Rob Williams.

With a much hotter summer than last year, combined with Australia Day celebrations and a stage of the Tour Down Under in the LSA, the southern beaches attracted larger visitor numbers than usual.

"A significant police strategy involving controlling beach access, alcohol and drug testing of drivers leaving the beach and a strong

police presence was crucial in successfully managing these events," Chief Inspector Williams said.

"Throughout summer police also focused on south coast beaches, particularly the popular Moana and Aldinga locations where vehicles are allowed on the sand, to ensure members of the public conduct themselves safely."

Now in its third year, Operation Beach Safe has seen a year-on-year reduction in crime along the Glenelg foreshore and surrounding areas.

Running until March 2013, the operation targeted public displays of anti-social and violent behaviour,

using a combination of foot patrols, mounted operations and officers on bicycles and trail bikes.

"Operation Beach Safe is about preventing criminal behaviour to ensure Glenelg and other beach communities provide a safe, enjoyable, family friendly environment," said Officer in Charge of Sturt LSA, Superintendent Tom Rieniets.

"Police received positive feedback from the local council, ratepayers and general public, including many tourists who appreciated the visible police presence."

Mathew Rodda

New avenues for Neighbourhood policing

A strong commitment to policing at a local level is paying rich dividends in suburbia, with visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) providing an effective and proactive response to community needs.

Reprinted courtesy of South Australia Police, Blueprint Issue 3, 2012

Established on a trial basis in 2010, the South Coast Local Service Area (LSA) NPT has now been made permanent and expanded into two teams (Christies Beach and Aldinga) covering a total of seven southern suburbs.

"We have received strong feedback from locals who are appreciative of our efforts in reducing crime and making people feel safe," said Christies Beach NPT Supervisor, Sergeant Russell Stone.

"The concept has been embraced by our local partners such as Onkaparinga Council and Housing SA. Our community-based problem solving approach is working – a recent community meeting led to the targeting of specific offenders in Hackham West, resulting in a reduction in various offences."

Neighbourhood policing has also been a hit with locals in Elizabeth LSA.

"The NPT trial in the Playford Council area was very successful with many positive outcomes in terms of community safety, crime levels and anti-social behaviour," said Officer in Charge of Elizabeth LSA, Superintendent David O'Donovan.

"It has now been made permanent, with police officers dedicated to Davoren Park, Elizabeth Downs and the Munno Para and Smithfield areas."

Northern exposure

This success has spawned a new team of five officers who are increasing police visibility and building closer relationships with residents in the Salisbury Council area.

Led by Sergeant Taryn Trevelion, the Salisbury NPT has been serving the suburbs of Paralowie, Salisbury North, Parafield Gardens and Mawson Lakes since June 2012.

"The team has been well received by the local community, with many expressing their enthusiasm for the concept," Sergeant Trevelion said.

"We have received positive feedback in terms of people's perception of safety in the community as a result of constructive interactions they have had with team members."

Although still in its infancy, the Salisbury NPT has wasted no time in identifying key issues in each suburb and problem solving at the grass roots level to prevent incidents such as motor vehicle crime, house break-ins and property damage in the form of vandalism and graffiti.

"We're also involved in partnerships with various agencies to address the causes of ongoing neighbourhood disputes rather than just treating the outcomes of these issues," Sergeant Trevelion said.

"Team members have worked closely with Housing SA on several occasions to help resolve issues involving disruptive tenants. This has resulted in the eviction of some residents where entrenched problems existed."

Salisbury NPT members are continuing to develop close working relationships with community groups, government agencies, local businesses and schools.

"Our proactive approach is helping to identify community needs and relevant issues where police can take effective action to help provide a safe environment for the public to live, work and play," Sergeant Trevelion said.

"The NPT is also actively supporting an extension of the Safety Assist program in Mawson Lakes as there are currently only two Safety Assist houses in the area."

The two teams within Elizabeth LSA are reaping the benefits of being both on the beat and online, with a strong presence on the LSA's Facebook page.

According to Superintendent O'Donovan, exposure on Facebook has helped to personalise the presence of the teams within the community.

"The page has attracted a large number of followers. People have supplied police with valuable information via Facebook posts, which has led to numerous crimes being solved," he said.

"Online content is an effective policing tool as it reaches a greater audience and initiates real-time responses from the public thereby enabling faster action to be taken."

On the western front

The popularity of neighbourhood policing has extended into the western suburbs, with a new Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) established in Western Adelaide LSA.

The team of five, led by Sergeant Michelle Hollis, is based at Parks Police Station and divides its time between Seaton, Royal Park, Brompton, Bowden and Ovingham. It also covers the Woodville and Semaphore areas.

Since its inception in June 2012, the team has been concentrating on eliminating crime such as graffiti, vandalism and hoon driving, while establishing strong partnerships with residents, businesses and schools in the local community.

"Each area has its own specific policing issues, from motor vehicle crime in Brompton and juvenile

offences in the Semaphore area, to drug offences and offending in licensed premises in Royal Park and Seaton," Sergeant Hollis said.

"NPT members pay particular attention to their areas and use their local knowledge to identify offenders, leading to more apprehensions."

While it's still early days, the team has already achieved some significant outcomes.

"Recently, a routine traffic stop located stolen property in a vehicle, resulting in the arrest of a male for Operation Alchemy offences and the recovery of \$25 000 worth of stolen property from building sites, including a Bobcat used in a recent series of crimes," Sergeant Hollis said.

Local businesses have already seen the value in the personalised, visible policing model.

"We recently attended the Semaphore Road Working Group meeting to discuss concerns raised about graffiti occurring after hours and homeless persons begging in the street," said Constable Emma Woodhouse, who serves the Semaphore area.

"I was able to take appropriate action to reduce the number of reports of individuals begging in the area. Throughout the busy summer period I have continued to liaise with shop owners to ensure any local issues are effectively dealt with."

Constable Woodhouse has also successfully investigated a series of deception issues that were occurring in Semaphore hotels.

"Many of these incidences had not been reported to police, but as a result of the growing confidence in police, our extensive enquiries and assistance from local residents, I was able to identify and arrest the offender," she said.

The Western Adelaide NPT has also been positively engaging with local schools, particularly Woodville and Le Fevre high schools.

"School principals have requested our presence at re-entry meetings when students have been excluded. This has been extremely well received by parents of these students – they are appreciative of the way in which the school and



Salisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team. Photo courtesy City of Salisbury.

police have been working together to address the situation," Sergeant Hollis said.

Principal of Woodville High School, Meredith Edwards, sees a lot of merit in establishing a close working relationship with local police.

"As an accredited School Watch site, Woodville High School has benefited from a close relationship with SAPOL's School Liaison Officers. This has now been strengthened by effective support from neighbourhood policing officers," she said.

"After only a few months in the partnership, officers have assisted the school to support students in making safer choices for themselves and others.

"Schools are an integral part of any community, so it's a huge advantage to have the Neighbourhood Policing Team as a valued member of our proactive network which aims to keep young people and their communities safe and resilient."

Mathew Rodda

Community engagement

From the Tasmanian President

I have never been more proud to be a Tasmanian and an Australian.

Our country and more particularly, our State, have experienced the extremes of mother nature over the last few months. While floods, bushfires and other demonstrations of weather at its upmost have brought destructions to cities and towns, there has been one other touching trait – that of community pride.

How quickly did the SES, Fire Brigades, Police and other emergency services immobilise and work for endless hours to save people and property. Given the extensive devastation, there was no loss of life – an amazing statistic that we can only attribute to the constant training that the people undertake – many of them volunteers – and to lessons learned in dealing with catastrophies in the past.

Social media may be dammed by many people, but it certainly came to the fore in these extreme situations. People could still make contact using mobile phones when access to power and landlines or computers was lost. There were also co-ordinated efforts by several groups on Facebook. From mobilising volunteers on a range of projects, to putting lost people in contact with one another, manning boats into the Tasman Peninsula or orchestrating donations of goods and cash – every one of these activities was highlighted at a rapid pace through these channels.

An Executive meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania



The team at Eve and Nonies after the clean-up.

held soon after the southern fires identified that we could and should help. We wanted to act sooner rather than later. Calls to the two Community Houses in the area found that their immediate needs were being met, but perhaps further down the track when re-vegetation projects commence and community gardens are established there may be a way for us to help out these communities financially.

I made contact with Lola from Nubeena Neighbourhood Watch to see if they needed any help.

Their members were busy preparing for the Peninsula Feast at Nubeena – a great contribution to their local community.

I then heard about a thank you event being planned by a local radio station where all the people involved in bringing the fires under control, both paid and volunteer, would be invited and the public could thank them for their efforts. We discussed a range of ways in which we could support this activity, eventually settling on a cash donation towards the running of the event.



Some of the wonderful members from Volunteers - Fair Dinkum Clean Up Team.

A combination of the radio station and social media put me in contact with a group called Volunteers - Fair Dinkum Clean Up Team. This crew of quiet achievers has worked constantly helping people in many ways. From cutting down burnt trees, to clearing gutters, hosing down properties and even to the humble offer of a cup of tea. At last a group with an immediate need had been identified!

After discussions with one of the volunteers, Ross, it was decided that chainsaws and brushcutters were of the most immediate need to continue the work they were carrying out.

I extend sincere thanks to McDougall's Power Equipment in Brisbane Street, where Leith provided quality advice, a generous discount to us as purchasers and he also included a range of accessories to assist the crew in their work.

While Volunteers - Fair Dinkum Clean Up Team have worked tirelessly almost every day since the fires hit the Peninsula area, Julie, Ross and Jodie did take some time off to attend the volunteer thank you event run by Heart 107.3. I was privileged to meet



Danielle from McDougall's Power Equipment and Julie from Volunteers - Fair Dinkum Clean Up Team admiring the items donated to them by NHW Tasmania.

up with them and hear how much they appreciated our donation but more importantly stories of all the wonderful work they have been carrying out. If you are able to assist this group at all, please get in contact with me or through their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/VolunteersFairDinkumCleanUpTeam>.

I am fairly sure this will not be the last threat from fire we will face in Tasmania over the next month or two, but how re-assured are we by the outstanding contributions, by so many, in our community.

Jan Dunsby

President

Community Safety Guide Published

Manningham NHW was one of only two NHW groups in Victoria that received money from 2011 round of the State Government's Community Safety Fund grants.

The grant of \$8770 was for the development of a Community Safety Guide. The project involved consolidating, updating and combining crime prevention and home security information, into an easy to read guide.

The main aims of the project were to:

- Provide a Community Safety Guide in an easy to read format beneficial for all members of the community;
- Provide a ready source of information on how to prevent crime and what steps to take should a person become a victim of crime;
- Promote Neighbourhood Watch and develop stronger links in the community, and encourage participation from various members of the community in NHW meetings and activities;
- Package all of the information in a "Welcome Pack" which would be provided to new residents and distributed to attendees at key Council and community events.

The Community Safety Guide has stepped pages with one topic to a page for easy reference. In addition, it can be attached to the refrigerator with the magnets on the back cover



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The project commenced in February 2012 and was completed at the end of September 2012.

Some 3,000 of the Welcome Packs, including the Safety Guide were printed and they are being distributed by local real

estate agents to new residents of Manningham. In addition, NHW volunteers are distributing the packs to "new" Australians at Citizenship Ceremonies held by Manningham City Council.

Geoff Kloot

Manningham NHW

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The Community Safety Guide showing the topics covered.



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Enjoy your holiday – remember to
Lock it, Remove it or Lose it!

When parking your car:

Do Not Leave Valuables On View In Your Vehicle! Remove GPS units, Mobile Phones, iPods, Laptop, CDs, Money, Bags, Sunglasses, Sporting Gear, Tools, etc.

Lock Your Vehicle.

Always remember to lock your vehicle, even if it is in your driveway.

DO NOT Place items in your boot, console or under your front seat.

Report Any suspicious incidents to Police by calling **000**.

BE SMART IN THE PARK

Eskies, bicycles, scooters, iPhones, surfboards, wetsuits and other small personal items are the target of thieves at beachside car parks, caravan parks and holiday homes during holiday periods.

Don't become an easy target -

Have your refrigerator or Esky inside your tent or annexe.

If outside, ensure they are locked or secured at night.

Ensure surf boards and wet suits are not left unattended in front yards, on verandahs or decks, or left unsecured at your campsite.

Secure outside camping equipment, gas bottles, barbecues, trailers and spare tyres with good chains and locks.

Report thefts immediately to police – call 000

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Penalties apply for anti-social behavior, including

- Drinking in a public place,
- Having an open container
- Offensive behaviour and
- Being drunk and disorderly in a public place.

This Project has been funded under the Community Safety Fund grants program, part of the Victorian Government's \$39 million Community Crime Prevention Program - local solutions for local crime prevention issues.

BICYCLE SECURITY

Bicycles are often stolen from camp sites and holiday homes during holiday periods.

Some precautions you can take to ensure your bicycle is secure:

LOCK your bicycle even when at home
Use a good quality lock – U locks, flexible metal cables or a chain and padlock.

LOCK your bicycle to something that cannot be removed or the bicycle lifted over

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ewatch

ewatch is an easy way to find out what's happening in your community. Connecting with your local police and council helps make your neighbourhood a safer and more vibrant place to live!



ewatch is an email based system that keeps the community connected to their local police and council to enable them to assist with tracking down criminals and be proactive in making the community safer. The ewatch program commenced in the City of Gosnells a southern Perth suburb as a method of distributing crime prevention and safety messages to the community from the local police. The ewatch program is based on an email alert system that provides regular e-newsletter updates on local crime trends and statistics, safety initiatives, emerging issues and community building events. The City of Gosnells model has experienced great success that has generated wide interest

throughout Western Australia, resulting in the need for a state-wide roll out.

Neighbourhood Watch WA in conjunction with WA Police have developed a new centralised ewatch website that allows all members of the community throughout Western Australia to register for the free email service in the one, easy to find place. The site is in the final development phase and will be pilot tested this April in two police districts to ensure it is user friendly for police and Local Government administrators as well as being engaging and valuable to the Western Australian community.

After the site has been thoroughly tested and evaluated to ensure it is technically sound, easy to operate and

successfully engaging the community, a state-wide roll out throughout the remaining 12 Western Australian Police districts will commence. The ewatch program has gained strong corporate support in both the regional and metropolitan areas throughout the state which has confirmed WA Police's commitment to state-wide implementation.

Working together as a community helps to make your neighbourhood safe, secure and vibrant for all who share it. Community interaction is a shared responsibility that has proven positive towards building a safer community, preventing crime and developing community spirit.

For more information on ewatch visit www.ewatch.com.au or email info@ewatch.com.au.



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Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Inc.

Strategic Business Plan 2013

STRATEGIC OUTCOME	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL	STRATEGIC PROJECT	STRATEGIC ACTIONS
1 Inclusive and Sustainable Communities	Community Engagement Community Confidence Strengthened Communities Partnership Building	Multi-Lingual Project	Develop and implement multi-lingual community safety messages for implementation across Australasia
		Community Funding	Maintain and enhance community engagement, awareness and police partnerships in crime prevention, community safety and assurance
		Awards	Continue to promote NHTWA as a values based organisation, supporting member jurisdictions to encourage communities to embrace personal and collective responsibility
		Remote and Vulnerable Communities	Continue to work in collaboration with member jurisdictions to develop a specific crime prevention program to address the needs of remote and vulnerable communities
2 Confident and Informed Society	Building Social Capital Information Exchange National Projects	Website Development	Upgrade and maintain the NHTWA website capability to promote and enhance member jurisdictions; community understanding and recognition of NHTWA community safety and crime prevention initiatives
		Information Repository of Projects	Build and maintain a body of knowledge through a repository of projects relevant to NHTWA
		Communication Networks	Continue to develop and maintain Australasia wide communication networks for the distribution of NHTWA community safety messages
3 Safe and Secure Communities	Whole of Community Approach Use of Crime Prevention Technology	Community Projects	In collaboration with individual member jurisdictions investigate, develop and implement targeted crime prevention and community safety projects
4 Strengthened Relevance and Future of NHTWA	Advocacy Organisational Development Support for Community Policing Evaluation Framework	Project Evaluation	Prepare evaluation tools for each applicable NHTWA project
		Organisational Development	Maintain effective and professional employment policies and standards that enhance organisational well being Foster strong Executive Board governance practices through training and leadership
		Community Survey	Continue effective evaluation and assessment of the purpose and requirements of the NHTW Programs to support community policing, through professional survey measures
		Annual Report	Maintain effective communication with member jurisdictions



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