



## CHANNEL PLACE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS EDITION NUMBER ONE

Hello to residents. It's about time....

for an update that is!

### **NHW GET-TOGETHER**

Thank you to the residents who attended the inaugural get-together back in May and to those who have shown support for a Channel Place NHW. It is nice to see some residents have put the NHW stickers on their wheelie bins. It seems residents want to be kept informed about crime stats in the area and how we can better protect our homes from break and enter and stealing related crimes. I will try and update residents at least every six months.

### **CRIME STATS**

I receive crime stats from the Tweed NHW Coordinator (Gordon Levenson) monthly. August 2015 crime stats for Kingscliff are:

Assaults - 3	Break and Enters - 4	Fraud - 2
Malicious damage - 2	Stealing - 5	Stolen M/Vehicle - 1

One stealing offence happened within a kilometre of Channel Place.

The NSW Police Force now have a website for the delivery of information to the community. If you google 'EYEWATCH' you can access the Eyewatch home page. You will see a list of towns. Click on 'Tweed Byron' and it takes you to a public Facebook page. There is lots of information there about what is happening in the local command area.

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Be alert.

I recently saw a lady in a car stopping and looking at every house in our street. I approached her and she said she was from the census checking on houses and units in the street and showed me her ID. She had been doing this job for months and was amazed that I was the first person to approach her. It was all above board, but it could just as easily have been someone casing our street?

Remember that opportunistic crime increases at peak tourist times and school holidays are around the corner. You can protect your property by taking extra care in securing your home, and in particular not leaving push bikes and other items where they can be seen from the street. There is a really good Security Checklist in the 'Home Safe' booklet I have given you with this Edition.

### **SCAM WATCH**

A really good website by the ACCC is SCAM WATCH. Google SCAM WATCH to find the home page. It has heaps of good information about types of scams and rip-offs, how to report a scam, and all sorts of news.

I'm just at the end of the cul-de-sac if you want to come and talk to me about anything. I still have some FREE Door Stop Alarms for residents of Channel Place. These alarms are for putting under a door, and should anyone attempt to open the door, the alarm sounds, alerting you to the intruder. Come down and have a look at one if you are interested in how they work.

I will see about organising another get-together for Channel Place around Xmas so we can have a few drinks and nibbles, and meet and greet some of our neighbours.

Kind Regards

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