

Dear neighbours

I hope everyone had a good Christmas.

Just a short email to let you know there has been a break and enter and theft on Monday night at a new neighbour's home at the corner of Banzai and Cylinders.

The police believe it was opportunistic and unfortunately the back door had been forgotten and left unlocked through the night.

However, I also noticed a report on Casuarina Coeee Facebook page that on Monday night, a group of youths had been seen along the creek side bike path and had broken through a back gate, however the family were luckily alerted by their dog and chased them and called the police. Unfortunately, these people are around on occasion and looking for an easy theft.

So, advice once again is to double check that doors, windows and gates are secure, especially at night and when we go out.

Also, a reminder that the 'scammers' are always out there trying to take our hard earned money from us (in one way or another), so stay alert and keep an eye out on the 'Scam Watch' web site for information on new Scams.

I have heard there may be someone doing the rounds of houses on the pretext of selling Fire Extinguishers and checking out houses and Security.

Don't invite anyone into your home that you don't know, or haven't invited to come to do a quote or tradesmen service for you.

My last piece of advice is:

'Good neighbours are a precious commodity' and we should count ourselves lucky if we have one or more good neighbours nearby.

I came upon this piece of information at a Red Cross volunteer training course that I attended recently:

'Did you know it's most likely to be your neighbour who will help you survive during an emergency?'

Neighbours can also provide practical and emotional support after an accident or emergency, as well as important information about recovery services'.

Good neighbours are also great for:

Putting out bins, Collecting mail, Watering the garden, Feeding pets 🐶🐱 and Cups of Sugar. ☺ and sharing a drink 🍷 with.

I am very happy to say that we have a couple of great neighbours. Very lucky.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and safe 2018 and a Happy Australia Day next week.

If you have a new neighbour, please welcome them and pass on my email address, if they would like to be part of our Neighbourhood Watch group.

Also, if you ever have anything to share or pass on, please email or message me.

Last thing - there are still snake sightings around, especially near beach entries, but are yards are not exempt either, so be alert.

Regards
Linda.