



# Neighbourhood Watch



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**Cairns 18 - Moorroobool / Manunda Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held at "PRIDE LEAGUES CLUB" 7pm-1st December 2009**

Location 172 - 184 Irene Street, Moorroobool. Ph 40531169

AGM Meeting will be held on December 1 2009. Come along and vote for the committee that you would like to look after your community for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. In my absence the meeting was conducted with the community voting to postpone the AGM until December's meeting.

This will be the last meeting for the year, please come along to join in the Christmas meeting celebrations.

**Seventeen Block & Zone Coordinators** will be given their Bronze and Silver Badges along with two certificates at the meeting. Please check in the Cairns Crime Bulletin, October 26, 2009. Volume 20/2009 for the Cairns District Neighbourhood Watch Award ceremony held on October 22. Yours truly received a Gold Certificate & Lapel Badge.

The Cairns 18 - Moorroobool / Manunda Neighbourhood Watch area is delighted to have twenty- seven members who received Bronze and Silver NHW Lapel Badges, and two certificates of appreciation.

Congratulations to all members of the NHW area, your contribution is very much appreciated.

**Regional Ratepayers Assoc. of Cairns Inc** meeting will be held directly after the NHW meeting is closed.

Absent from Cairns for three weeks; I have had several reports on 300 metres of dredging in Saltwater Creek has been withdrawn due to a Rufus Owl nesting 30mtrs away from the maintenance site. Council has held an approval under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 since 2001 for dredging within various waterways and drainage features around Cairns. The approval is limited to the "removal of accumulated silt and sediment for the purposes of maintaining flood mitigation channels, open stormwater drains, boat ramps and watercourses" and includes the Saltwater Creek system incorporating Lily Creek, Hamcliffe Creek and the McCormack Street drain to Moody Creek. Maintenance dredging is conducted on an 'as needs' basis, generally yearly, by Council in the approved locations. It is understood that certain sections of the area proposed to be dredged over past and coming weeks have not been dredged for around 20 years.

The relevant section of the Saltwater Creek system are upstream of a Declared Downstream Limit and therefore not subject to any approval requirements under the Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995. Concerns about the impact of these works on a Rufus Owl which is located approximately 30 metres from the works area are not able to be addressed as part of the existing dredging approval. However, Council has acknowledged the sensitivity of undertaking works near this nesting site and after discussion with QPWS has lodged an application for a Damage Mitigation Permit which will ensure the activities undertaken will be carried out in a manner to minimise any potential risk to the Rufus Owl. DERM understands the Council will not undertake works in the vicinity of the bird while it is nesting, expected to be towards the end of November.

The community would like clarification; who is going to be responsible for the insurance claims to residents this wet season, I am led to believe many different companies have assured clients they will not be paying anymore after January & February events from over developed hillslopes and inadequate infrastructure upgrade.



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## NHW December 2009

I appreciate the input and hearings from Neighbourhood watch members who attended the November meeting. Members had an open group discussion about positives and negatives within their community/street. An obvious concern, which was raised by numerous persons, was that of personal safety when out walking.

I would hope that persons may come to the next meeting with some ideas on how to improve personal safety in their area.

### October crime watch:

4 x wilful damage

PREVENTABLE:

1 x steal motor vehicle

2 x stealing

1 x steal bicycle

For more information on these offences and how easily they could have been prevented, please attend the December meeting!

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**Crime Stoppers:** Next meeting will be held 5.30pm-6.30pm, December 8 at the Cairns Police Station.

**Raffle Prize:** A member of the community has once again donated the amount of \$100.00 for the Christmas raffles. Thank you from the Neighbourhood Watch members.

**ELDER Abuse Prevention Unit, ph: 1300 651 192,** provides a statewide confidential telephone information, support and referral service for anyone experiencing abuse or witnessing the abuse of an older person. Phone from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday for the cost of a local call.

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While in Brisbane I acquired a sample of the **"Solar Powered House Numbering."** the numbering "Kit" will be available through NHW at \$35 each. A great safety idea for Christmas Presents.

**Guest Speaker:** Boris Pointing will be informing the community on the **"Carbon Footprint"** and inviting the community to become involved with ideas.

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