



CAIRNS DISTRICT NHWQ NEWSLETTER



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DISTRICT DIARY

Welcome to the first edition of the Cairns District NHWQ newsletter for 2010.

For those who don't already know I am pleased to announce that Cairns will be hosting the **2011 State Neighbourhood Watch Rally**. To date an informal committee has been established to commence the organisation of a venue and sponsorship. The main focus for the group will be arranging these details for presentation at the 2010 State Rally in South Brisbane at the start of October. This will be a major event on the calendar for not only NHWQ but for the Cairns Region with an expected 300 delegates attending.

A reminder to all area coordinators that Senior Sergeant Steve Batterham will be holding a forum in Cairns on the 9th of April, **please RSVP no later than the 26th of March**. If you are unable to attend please advise if another member of your NHW group is able to attend. Please note that numbers are limited.

On behalf of Cairns Crime Prevention a big thank you goes out to Anne Christie (Trinity Beach) and Hans Wilde (Trinity Park) who are both resigning from their positions as area co-coordinators. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors and sincerely thank them for their contribution and commitment to the Neighbourhood Watch program.

What to look forward to in this edition:

- Area news- what's happening with your NHW
- New Child Restraint Laws
- Emergency Alert Warning System
- Mooroolbool NHW receives State Govt. grant.
- Result from Trinity Park's sausage sizzle
- Beware of SCAMS- handy hints
- Newsletter revamp
- Trinity Park efforts to establish new local park
- Gordonvale Police Charity Golf Day

Heidi Marek
NHW District Coordinator



MOOROOBOOL NHW RECEIVE STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT



Moorroobool Neighbourhood Watch recently received funding of \$6900 through the Queensland Government's Low Carbon Diet Scheme. The program aims to educate householders in the Moorroobool area in ways in which to reduce their energy usage.

Part of the program involves a competition with prizes for the household that reduces their energy consumption the most.

The project is run in partnership with the Cairns Regional Council and the James Cook University.



S/Constable Dave Raymond and Constable Rebecca Tucker, who will be assisting Woree NHW.

Area News

CANOPY'S EDGE:

Next Meeting: May 6.30pm Canopy's Edge Sales Office. Date TBA.

EDGEHILL:

News: Addressing traffic issues on Greenslopes Street and the village roundabout through Cairns Regional Council and Police.

Next Meeting: 2nd week in March 2010, yet to be confirmed.

EDMONTON:

News: Edmonton NHW are continuing to address community issues concerning, lack of kindergarten facilities, recent gunshot noise incidents and community concerns with Policing numbers.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th March 2010.

FOREST GARDENS:

Next Meeting: 7.30PM first Tuesday of every month, Community Centre, Forest Gardens Blvd.

FRESHWATER

Next Meeting: Tuesday March the 9th 2010, 7.30pm Freshwater State School

MOOROOBOOL:

News: Moorroobool NHW was recently funded \$6900 by the State Government's Low carbon Diet Scheme to educate homeowners on ways to reduce their energy use. (refer side article).

Next Meeting: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7pm Pride Leagues Club Irene Street Moorroobool.

MOUNT SHERIDAN:

News: Mount Sheridan NHW are in the process of approaching local council members in anticipation of holding a tree planting day.

Next Meeting: April 19th Monday 7pm Community Health Centre Robert Road



TRINITY BEACH:

News: Trinity Beach area coordinator Anne Christie will unfortunately be resigning from her position due to other commitments. Anne has been area coordinator for over a year and has been a member of Trinity Beach NHW since 2003.

Next Meeting: 29th March 2010, this will be an AGM meeting and all positions will be open for nomination.

TRINITY PARK:

News: Successful fundraiser at Bunning's (refer side article). Trinity Park would like to farewell their area coordinator Hans Wilde who has now moved away from the area. Tricia Trail will fill his shoes for the time being.

Next Meeting: 3rd Wed in April 2010

WHITEROCK:

News: Whiterock NHW are currently addressing issues concerning recent crimes at Oak Tree Village and public housing issues.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th April at 6pm

WOREE:

News: Woree NHW was officially launched on the 1st of March. Senior Constable Dave Raymond from the Cairns Dog Squad will perform the role of Police Liaison Officer for Woree with the assistance of Constable Rebecca Tucker who is performing the role of School Based officer at Woree High.

Next Meeting: 5th April 2010, 7pm at the Woree Learning Centre, Woree High, Windarra Street side. Residents in the Woree area are encouraged to attend.

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- Never send money to anyone you don't know.
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- If someone comes to your door, ask for identification.
- **DO NOT** let them in. If they refuse to leave, call police.
- Research door to door offers before paying any money or signing contracts.
- Contact the office of Fair Trading if you have any concerns.
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Scammers can set up false websites.
Always research thoroughly.

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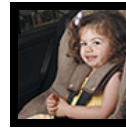
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NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

Effective March 11th 2010



From 11 March 2010, it's the law for all children up to seven years of age to be correctly restrained according to their size and age. It is important that the correct child restraint is chosen and installed. The penalty for incorrectly securing a child is \$300 and three demerit points.

To find out more, browse the below links or phone the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 132380.



The following new restrictions apply:

Babies aged 0 to 6 months must be secured in an approved rearward facing baby capsule or infant restraint that is properly fastened and adjusted.

Babies and children aged between 6 months and 4 years of age must be secured in either an approved rearward facing child restraint or an approved forward facing child restraint with built-in harness that is properly fastened and adjusted. It is recommended that a baby remain in an approved infant restraint for as long as possible.

Children who have reached 4 years of age must be secured in an approved booster seat with a H-harness or a booster seat with a secured adult seatbelt that is properly fastened and adjusted. The child must be secured in this manner up until they turn seven years of age.

The rules recognise that some children may be too large or too small for a specific type of child restraint.

- If your child is too small to move into the next level of restraint, you should keep your child in the lower level restraint for as long as possible (for example, a child who has turned four but is too small for a booster seat should remain in a forward facing child restraint with a built-in harness).
- If your child is too large to fit into a child restraint specified for your child's age, your child may move into the next level of restraint. A child is too tall for a booster seat when the level of the child's eyes is above the level of the back of the booster seat.

For further information on exemptions and varied seating arrangements in vehicles visit the Queensland Transport Website:

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/Motor_vehicle/Child_restraints/Rs_mv_restraint_seatbelt_laws



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Neighbourhood Watch

TRINITY PARK NHW

SAUSAGE SIZZLE RESULTS



On the 10TH January 2010 Trinity Park held a fundraiser sausage sizzle at Smithfield Bunnings to raise funds for a much needed covered bus seat at Trinity Park.

Tricia Traill from Trinity Park NHW reports:

"Our takings for the day were \$846. It was a great day, apart from raising money for NHW we met so many people and were seen to be doing something for the community. We were given plenty of "go on you's" and we have already booked in to do another one"



Pictured: Daphne Marshall, Ken Traill and Ron Marshall (background)

Emergency Alert Warning System

A new public awareness campaign to inform Queenslanders of the new national Emergency Alert telephone based warning system has recently been launched.

Acting Premier Paul Lucas said **Emergency Alert** can send text messages to mobile phones and automated voice messages to landlines warning people of severe and imminent emergencies, such as bushfires and cyclones. Messages will contain basic details of the threat, clear recommended actions and where to obtain further information.

"**Emergency Alert** has the capacity to send 18,000 text messages and 1000 voice messages per minute in areas at risk of serious or life-threatening events," Mr Lucas said.



"Our emergency services staff and volunteers will continue to engage the community during emergency events through traditional methods like local radio broadcasts and doorknocking," he said.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Emergency Alert system can log on to:

www.emergencyalert.gov.au

NOTE: Emergency Alert is only a warning, and does not reduce the need for people to be prepared with their own emergency plan. Warning methods already in place will continued to be used as appropriate.

DS SOLAR POWERED HOUSE NUMBERS

The units are easily attached to any surface and can be removed if you move house. The unit comes with three sets of numbers from 0-9. They re-charge under ambient light and sunlight and one day of charge provides up to 120 hours of usage. For more information visit the DS Numbers website



Moorroobool NHW has recently acquired stock of these solar powered house numbers, please contact area coordinator Thelma Spelta for further information.
thelmaspelta@bigpond.com



NHWQ State Office News:

New Sponsor for NHWQ: Mrs Dominique Lummus from the Gold Coast has been appointed as the interim NHWQ Community President. Her role will involve working closely with State Office, sponsors and other key partners to ensure a strong community voice for NHW in Queensland.

Dominique's first role was to announce a new minor sponsor for NHWQ. DS numbers join existing major sponsor, The Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ) and minor sponsor Suncorp in working together with NHWQ volunteers to create safer and supportive communities. Dominique welcomes DS Numbers and their contribution to NHWQ.

DS numbers were founded in Queensland in 2006 to promote and market solar powered house numbers in an attempt to ensure clear and visible building identification which is essential in emergency situations.

"DS numbers has at its core a desire for improved community safety and the education of the public on the importance of clearly identifiable address signage. The relationship between DS Numbers and NHWQ complements each other in this key objective of community safety. We are proud to be associated with this highly esteemed community organisation" DS Numbers designer, Nirvan Soogrim.

Dominique can be contacted through the NHWQ State Coordinator Senior Sergeant Steve Batterham of 07 3234 2105 or batterham.stephen@police.qld.gov.au

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Emergency Number: **000**

Cairns Police: **4030 7000**



Police Beats

Esplanade/City- Near Lagoon: **40481 277**

Cairns Central Shopping Centre: **40417 374**

Stockland Shopping Centre: **404337 899**

Raintrees Shopping Centre: **40533 200**



MESSAGE TO AREA COORDINATORS

An invitation was recently sent out to all area coordinators and PLO officers in relation to a forum that will be held in Cairns **on Friday the 9th of April** by Senior Sergeant Steve Batterham from NHW State Office.

Please be reminded that RSVP's are required no later than the **26th of March**. Numbers are limited however it is encouraged that each NHW be represented at this forum, please nominate a suitable candidate if the area coordinator is unavailable.

Please RSVP to Heidi Marek at Cairns DCPC on 4030 7045 or email Marek.HeidiJ@police.qld.gov.au



Bereavement Support Service **0439 722 266**

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A counsellor will respond to your call as soon as possible.

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YOUR AREA NEWSLETTER

IS IT TIME FOR A RE-VAMP?



Please consider some of the following points and ideas for your NHW area newsletters:

Compulsory requirements

- The NHW Banner
- Your NHW area name, edition and/or date and supporter logos
- Contact details for the Newsletter editor
- Important Phone Numbers (Including the local police station, emergency, fire station etc) and
- The Disclaimer; *“The information contained herein has been obtained from sources we deem to be reliable, however we cannot guarantee its accuracy and interested persons should rely on their own inquiries. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Queensland Police Service unless expressly so quoted”*

What you need to know:

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Things to remember:

Everyone in the community has different views and opinions, NHWQ newsletters must be apolitical, non secretarian, not promote racist or vigilante views or be biased as a forum for lobby groups or political issues. If in doubt contact your NHW Liaison officer or DCPC.

Need some Ideas?:

- Contact details for area/zone and block coordinators
- Details of your next meeting
- An overview of your last meeting and any important issues raised
- A report from area/zone and block coordinators
- A report from your NHW liaison officer and local crime stats
- Information on local community activities and topics
- Welcomes and farewells to participants
- General notices: babies, memorials lost and founds
- Tips, traps and tales
- General advertisements from supporters.
- Use existing information sources (Cairns DCPC are happy to send articles on crime prevention tips, police education programs etc upon request).

What you can't use:

Offensive language, political comment, false or misleading info, comments on matters before the court, info which could lead to the identification of victims of crime.

Tips on advertising: Advertising of local businesses can be an effective way to reduce costs. Approach local business or advertise a commercial section in your newsletter. NHWQ is not permitted to recommend or endorse the products or services of any person or business therefore businesses placing ads should be recognised as **“supporters”** not **“sponsors”**. Consider recognizing local support through the following acknowledgements;

“Our thanks to these advertisers for their contribution to our NHW”

“Our thanks to the supports for their assistance in producing this NHWQ newsletter”

For information and articles on Crime Prevention tips and strategies contact the Cairns District Crime Prevention Office on 40 30 7045.

TRINITY PARK NEWS:

Acting area coordinator for Trinity Park NHW Trisha Traill is on the job again in an attempt to establish a park with the recent finding of the *Centaur* Hospital ship off the coast of Moreton Island in December 2009. The *Centaur* sunk in 1943 after it was hit by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine. At the time it was carrying 332 people, of which only 64 survived. With the existence of Centaur Street already at Trinity Park and all the Trinity Park Street names being named after ships and battles the motioning to have a park named after the *Centaur* seems only appropriate. Trisha is currently in negotiation with Cairns Regional Council and Smithfield village in an attempt to gain approval for the park to go ahead.



In August 2008 Trisha Traill was instrumental in organising the opening of the David Trego Williams Memorial Park at Trinity Park. The successful opening of the David Trego Williams Park was largely attributed to Smithfield Village who donated the land funded the park equipment. The Cairns Regional Council also assisted in the launch which was attended by Brigadier George Manson who provided history and a moving story of the deaths of the rats of Tobruk. Over 100 people attended the opening along with the Smithfield High school band.



Gordonvale Police Charity Golf Day



The Gordonvale Police Charity Golf Day Committee raised over \$30000 in 2009 to assist QPS Sara House and the Variety Club of Queensland that supports disabled citizens. The 2010 charity will be held as follows:-

When: Friday 14 May 2010 at Gordonvale Golf Club.
Timings: 9.30am for breakfast then 10.30am shotgun start.

Costs: If paid by Friday 7 May 2010, \$50 per player includes hot breakfast, seafood and burgers for lunch, pizza all night, beer cooler, and course fees. (The discounted arrangement greatly assists the committee with catering, team numbers etc).

\$60 per player if paid on Friday 14 May at the golf club.

Details: Ambrose, teams of 4 players. (Limit of 220). Teams may include a non playing caddy (5th person) who will be charged \$25. Motorised Buggies available for \$30.

Massive Auction at 6pm.

NOMINATION: Team nomination, buggy hire, and credit card payments to Phil or Shirley Harvey on 0408 772 255 or 40 563177 or email phil@philharvey.com.au