



2017/18

AGM Annual Report

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Presidents Message

I am very pleased to present the Neighbourhood Watch NT's (NHWNT) Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2018, which highlights our performance and key achievements.

This has very much been a period of review and positioning our organisation for the future. Last year also marked the completion of our four year funding period with the NT Government and NT Police.

For over 30 years Neighbourhood Watch has been working to create safer communities in the Northern Territory by working collaboratively with stakeholders and the community to:

- increase the reporting of crime and suspicious behaviour;
- minimise the incidence of preventable crime; and
- improve access to information and crime prevention tools

Whilst the economic climate indicates a decrease in volunteerism, NHWNT's volunteer program and membership continues to grow. Our purpose is to support and sustain this into the future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the many people who have volunteered their valuable time and supported our organisation and its programs. The continued success of Neighbourhood Watch depends largely on its members, volunteers and the community, working in partnership with the NT Police to assist with the prevention of crime and promotion of community and personal safety.

Over the last 12 months we welcomed fresh faces to the Management Committee and have said some goodbyes. Thank you all for your time and support. I would to especially like to thank Hannah Finbow our Executive Officer and Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton for their dedication. We are very fortunate to have staff that have the passion and commitment to the organisation and believe in its future. I would like to also acknowledge Senior Auxiliary Sue Seears, who sadly after six years with NHWNT has moved to a different role with Police. Her contribution to our organisation and the Safety House program has been invaluable.

The financial and in-kind support from the Northern Territory Government and the NT Police underpins our organisation's work to create safer communities.

I am proud to say that with their continued support we now have a clearer picture of what the next few years will look like. And most importantly we have also secured the resources to take us there.

Kind Regards



Jenny Malone
President

About Us

Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT) is a not for profit community based crime prevention organisation that was first established in the Northern Territory in 1988. Its aim is to create safe, connected and inclusive Northern Territory communities.

NHWNT works closely with our partners, including Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) and the Northern Territory Police, to empower people to take responsibility for their own safety through the provision of education, information and tools.

Our Management Committee

The current committee members who are responsible for the submission of the report are as below:

Jennifer Malone	President
Vicki Whitney	Vice President (On leave)
Eliane Lefebvre	Secretary
Jayesh Mehta	Treasurer
Pat King	Committee Member / Public Officer
Lauren Winter	Southern Regional Coordinator
Jack Henderson	Committee Member
Jenny Duggan	Katherine Regional Coordinator
Jill Kleiner	Barkly Regional Coordinator
Gary Haslett	Acting Vice President; LGANT Representative
A/Superintendent Crispin Gargan	NHWA Management Committee and NT Police Representative

We would also like to acknowledge the following people for their contribution on the NHWNT Board of Management throughout 2017/18.

- Cheryl Watson – Secretary July 17 – May 2018
- Hennie Barnard – Treasurer July 2017 – March 2018
- Superintendent Craig Barrett – February 2018 – September 2018
- Superintendent Virginia Read – March 2017 – February 2018

2017/18 Overview & Highlights

2017/18 has been a year of review and reflection. Our four year funding period with the NT Police came to completion in June 2018. The NHWNT Management Committee recognised this as an opportunity to examine our current programs and practices and review our effectiveness and relevance.

This planning period has led to a number of strategic changes being implemented throughout our organisation, the most notable are:

- ✓ Review of the Safety House Program
- ✓ Development and adoption of a new Strategic Plan
- ✓ Development and implementation of a strategic communications plan
- ✓ Branding refresh – to be presented and launched at 2018 AGM

In addition to the delivery and participation in a raft of community engagement events and activities, there have been many operational successes throughout 2017/18. These include:

- ✓ A targeted Christmas Safety Awareness Campaign to promote key safety messages over the holiday season – *Dec 17*
- ✓ The launch of "Host Your Own" Neighbourhood Watch Week events – *Oct 17*
- ✓ 10% growth of membership across the NT
- ✓ Securing funding to conduct a one – off community safety art project with at risk young people in Palmerston – *Dec 17 (project commenced Oct 18)*
- ✓ Partnering with Neighbourhood Watch Australasia to host a Community Information day in Alice Springs – *June 18*

All of this work has been made possible through the significant in-kind contribution we continue to receive from the NT Police, in addition to our funding. In-kind support includes:

- Accommodation / Office Space
- A full-time Police Constable
- Access to vehicle
- Access to Community and Youth Engagement team

Negotiations with Government for a new five year funding agreement with the NT Police have also been successful. This funding provides Neighbourhood Watch NT with a sustainable baseline to continue offering our current services across the NT. We have also been successful in obtaining additional funding from the Northern Territory Government via NT Police. This additional funding stream will allow us to increase our human resource (two new part-time members of staff), develop and implement an online training system and increase our public awareness campaigns.

In our 30th year of operation in the NT we would also like to acknowledge the on-going support we receive from the NT community. The enthusiasm and dedication of both our past and current volunteers is overwhelming. In the past four years alone, NHWNT have received over 7,000 volunteer hours.

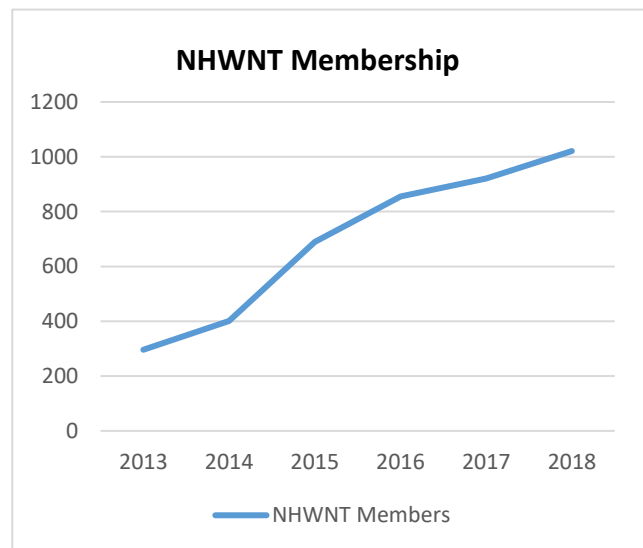
To appropriately acknowledge this goodwill, at this year's AGM we will introduce of a Life Membership program. This will be an on-going initiative to reward significant historical contribution to Neighbourhood Watch NT.

Membership and Volunteer Statistics

From 2013 our organisation has documented year on year growth of membership.

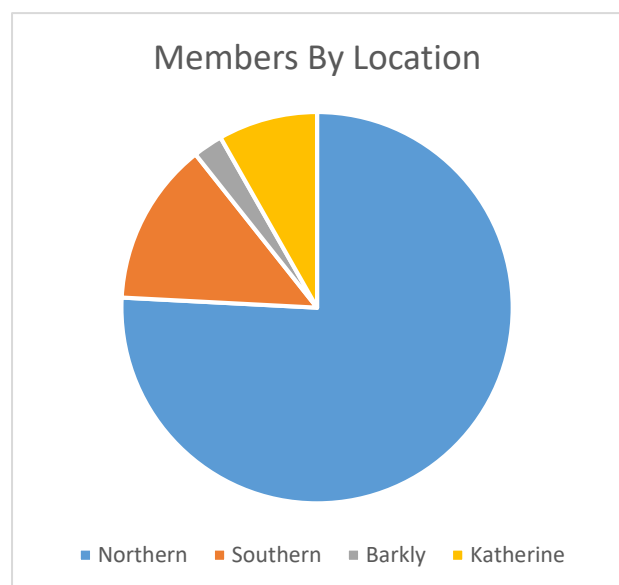
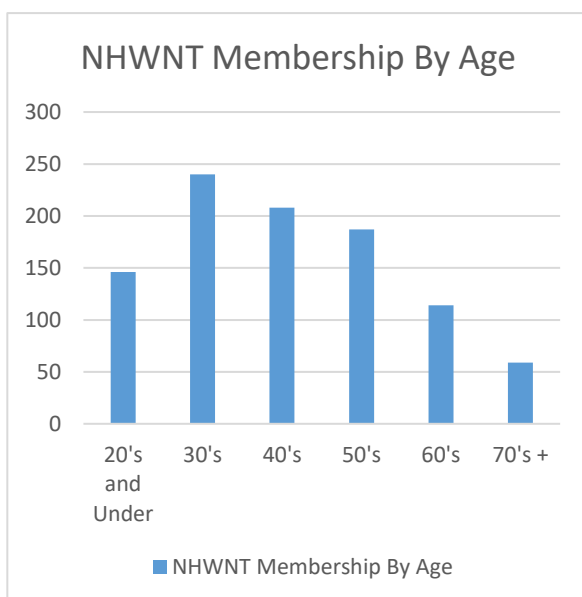
This year we can report a 10% growth across the NT with our membership standing at 1021 members.

Year	Increase (%)
2013-2014	35%
2014-2015	72%
2015-2016	23%
2016-2017	7.7%
2017-2018	10%



Breakdown of Members by Age and Location

(Data as at 16/10/2018)



The NHWNT membership is extremely diverse and we are proud to report that we have members ranging from 15 years – 88 years and have members born in 28 different countries.

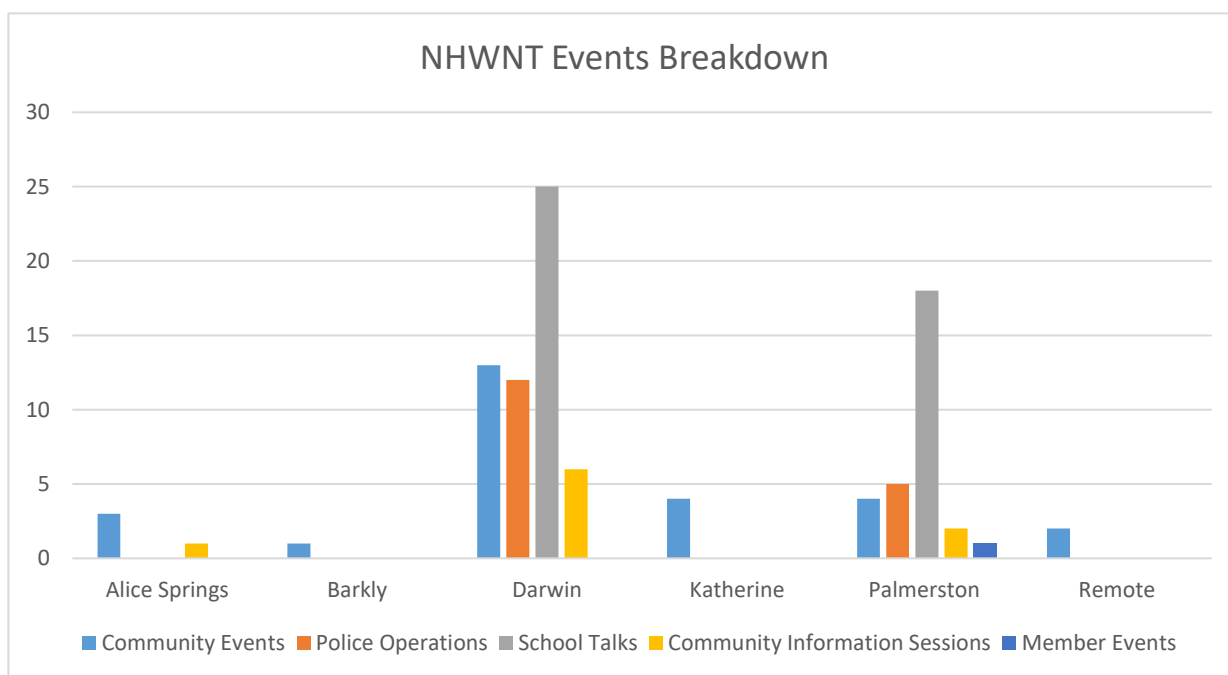
Volunteer Statistics

Throughout the 2017/18 financial year a team of 71 volunteers have contributed 532 hours to our Organisation.

In addition we have a team of 493 members who volunteer at 152 Safety House locations throughout the NT.

Event Statistics

This year NHWNT have attended 97 events. Below is a chart to demonstrate both the event by event type and event by location.



Financial Overview

For this funding period NHWNT received \$135,540 (GST Exclusive). In 2017-18 NHWNT's expenditure totaled \$120,988.

For a detailed financial breakdown please refer to the 2017-18 NHWNT Audit attached to this report.

Future Plans and Summary

With a fresh look and increased resources, in addition to our core services we will also be able to implement the following;

- ✓ Increased service delivery in regional areas of the NT
- ✓ Increased human resource (one new part-time position in the Southern Region, one new part-time position in the Northern Region)
- ✓ A minimum of two major crime prevention public awareness campaigns per year (from 2018 – 2023)
- ✓ An annual Crime Prevention seminar/expo
- ✓ Implementation and maintenance of a robust best practice online learning management system for Management Committee members, staff, NT Police Community Engagement Officers, volunteers and the whole community.
- ✓ A relevant, stronger and sustainable organisation and strategic Management Committee with a constitutional review.

With the introduction of a robust training system our long term vision is the re-introduction of localised suburb groups. We understand that each location is unique and community concerns and local issues vary across the NT. This will empower and support communities to take ownership of their local Neighbourhood Watch and make it relevant and effective for their neighbourhood.

The NHWNT team are looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support.