

Welcome to the first 2017 NHWNT Member Newsletter!

Neighbourhood Watch NT had a very busy 2016 which saw us attend over 40 events across the NT and assisted with 4 police operations.

An estimated xxx of UV Markers have been handed out to the public and so far we have had 2 reports of people having their property returned to them as a result. If you have had a success story we would love to hear from you!

In addition to this, over 50 schools across the NT have received Safety talks.

We, at NHWNT, value our member's great contribution and acknowledge that these events would not be possible without your dedication and support.

Planning for 2017 is well underway and we are very much looking to your continued support in the prevention of crime and promotion of community safety.

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2016 Highlights



Neighbours can be part of your security solution

No one wants to be a victim of crime! Something as simple as going next door to introduce yourself to your neighbours, can give you the peace of mind you need to feel safer in your community.

Eight in ten Australians say they'd be more comfortable going away on holiday if they knew their neighbours better, according to new research by QBE Insurance Australia.

There are many benefits to being connected to those who live around you. Knowing you have someone to call on should you require assistance, knowing someone will keep an eye on your property for you and someone to help with a few neighbourly tasks, like collecting your mail or putting your rubbish bin out for you, if you are away.

Neighbourhood Watch NT have some handy hints that can greatly improve your safety at home;

Step 1 – Mark your Territory



Mark your belongings using the NHWNT's UV Marker kit with your NT Driver's Licence number and regularly check your markings using the NHWNT torch to ensure labelling is still legible. This will greatly increase the probability of recovering your valuables should they get lost or stolen. You can collect your FREE UV Marker Kit from Police Stations throughout the Territory.

Step 2 – Security Awareness

Remember to lock your doors and windows, even when you are at home. Lock all outbuildings and gates. Lock your car and don't leave valuables in plain sight. Make sure you put away keys, wallets handbags etc. in a safe place that is not easily accessible by opportunistic thieves!



Step 3 – Get to know your neighbours



Introduce yourself to your neighbours and exchange contact details. Simple actions like this will help to build strong, safe communities.

Step 4 – Report It

Report all suspicious activity to NT Police on 131 444, or you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000.



Crime comes in all shapes and sizes

We often use the term opportunistic crime and this generally conjures up images of keys left in ignitions or unlocked doors. Most of us know that due diligence when locking up around the home will help prevent theft from our house, but are we as guarded when it comes to our online habits?

Do we think about crime when we are sharing with our friends on social media? Or researching our next project? Getting quotes for our next family holiday? Or indulging in some online shopping?

Cyber Crime takes place in many shapes and forms and catches us when we are in our own safe environment and relaxed. This includes hacking, online fraud, online scams, identity theft and many more.

Be Cyber Smart



- Educate yourself on online risks;
- Install anti-virus and firewall software;
- Be cautious of the amount of personal information you have accessible online;
- Be aware of online scams;
- Don't open messages from people you don't know.

Reporting Cyber Crime

As with all crime it is important to report any incidents. You can do this at www.acorn.gov.au. This website also has some great tips on how to protect yourselves against cybercrime.

Remote Visit



In November 2016, Senior Auxiliary Sue Sears visited Nhulunbuy to promote Safety House and Neighbourhood Watch. Sue presented personal safety presentations at local schools and childcare centres.

Neighbourhood Watch NT are excited to announce 4 NEW Safety Houses in Nhulunbuy.

Nhulunbuy Corporation
Arnhem Early Learning Centre
Nhulunbuy Community Child Care Centre &
Samantha Adam from Jasper Road

Interested in the Safety House Program? Email safetyhouse@nt.gov.au or visit our Neighbourhood Watch NT website at www.nhwnt.org.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 14th March | Wagait Beach Community Information Session | Wagait Beach |
| 25th March | Crime Prevention and Safety Expo | Peter McCauley Centre |
| 26th March | Neighbour Day – Welcome to Palmerston | Hobart Park, Johnston |
| 6th April | PossABILITIES Expo | Henbury School |
| 8th April | Parap Road Safety Centre Family Fun Day | Parap |
| 8th April | Crime Prevention and Safety Expo | Alice Springs Council Grounds |
| 7th May | Ima's Birthday | Jingili Water Gardens |
| 13th & 14th May | Freds Pass Show | Freds Pass Showgrounds |

2017 Plans

Over 2 weekends in February the NHWNT met to strategise and develop the 2017 -2020 NHWNT Strategic Plan.

The process demonstrated the current strengths within our organisation and also highlighted areas that we need to develop further. We are very much looking forward to launching some new initiatives throughout 2017 and improving our member volunteer training process along with member communication. To help us with this NHWNT have appointed Hannah Finbow as the NHWNT Office Manager. Hannah has a wealth of experience managing not for profit organisations and is really looking forward to bringing our Strategic goals to life this year.

If you have some spare time and would like to become more involved with our organisation we would love to hear from you. Email us at neighbourhoodwatch@nt.gov.au or call 08 8999 0847.

NT Volunteer Awards

The NT Volunteer awards is an annual event hosted by Volunteering SA/NT in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government to highlight exemplary volunteer work and recognise the invaluable contribution volunteers makes across the NT.

At the 2016 NT Volunteer awards, Angie Cornall received a certificate of appreciation at the prestigious event to celebrate and acknowledge her hard work and dedication to NHWNT. The success of NHWNT is dependent upon the commitment of our member volunteers and we are so grateful for all your contributions!



Pictured; Angie Cornall NHWNT, Ingrid Stonhill, CEO NHTWA, Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton NHWNT Support and Liaison,

NHWNT also held end of year get togethers for our volunteers, in the Southern, Northern and Katherine regions. This was a great opportunity to come together and extend our thanks for the great contributions many of you have made throughout the year!

Neighbourhood Watch NT New Board of Management

The 2016 NHWNT AGM took place on Wednesday 19th October 2016. Vicki Whitney, then President of NHWNT, reported that 2016 had been a very successful year with significant growth in both Neighbourhood Watch members and Safety House premises.

The following members received Appreciation Certificates for the amazing effort they put in throughout the year;

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| Janine Fong Lim | Bill Lee | Virginia Melville | Jessica Steinhardt |
| Nigel Wilson | Giovani Maduro | Ken Lai | Sharon Norris |
| Linda Alexander | Phil Walcott | | |

After a 4 year term as the NHWNT President, Vicki announced her resignation from the position but remains a valued part of the Board of Management in the ex-officio position.

The new Board of Management for Neighbourhood Watch NT is now –

President – Ameena Serao

Vice President – Phil Capper

Treasurer – Jack Henderson

Secretary – Galia Fomin

Public Officer – Jenny Malone

Northern Regional Coordinator – Rathi Ramanathan

Katherine Regional Coordinator – Vacant

Barkly Regional Coordinator – Jill Kleiner & Ray Wallis

Southern Regional Coordinator – Lauren Winter

Board Member – Phil Ryder

LGANT Representative – Gary Haslett

Ex Officio President – Vicki Whitney

NHWA Representative – Senior Sergeant Paul Griggs



Pictured; Some of the newly elected Board (In NHWNT Shirts) with members of the NT Police



Pictured; 2015/16 Board of Management



Pictured; Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton, Elaine Boyd, NHWA, Senior Sergeant Paul Griggs and NHWNT President Ameena Serao at the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia 10 year anniversary Black Tie dinner held in Brisbane on the 2nd November 2016.