

NEWPORT WATCH REPORT  
– Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Newport Watch (Redcliffe 20)** is the neighbourhood watch group for the community of Newport and the Isles of Newport. Newport Watch is an activity of Newport Waterways Property Owners Association and members joining the Association automatically become financial members of Newport Watch, covering both the wet and dry blocks throughout the 37 zones. We only have 21 Zone Captains at this time to cover all those zones and would welcome more volunteers to lighten the load. It is not an onerous task and one gets to meet their neighbors', and other really nice people living in the community.

We have opened up our quarterly meetings to residents – not necessarily members – to attend along with our Zone Captains to learn about Newport Watch and our neighbourhood watch programme. If anyone has a suggestion for a guest speaker at a couple of our meetings during the year that could cover a topic related to our objectives, namely security of property, crime prevention and enhancing communication, please make contact to arrange same.

While burglaries and break-ins have increased in the last year, Newport does not appear to have as much crime as other areas on the Peninsula, and the Moreton District Police have expressed their thanks to our residents who have assisted in reporting crimes, providing information, and supplying security footage, enabling them in many cases to apprehend the perpetrators.

The "Turning the Screws on Crime" day that we held last year was a success with over 70 sets of screws fitted or distributed to vehicles. We are planning another of those days on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July this year where number plates are fixed to vehicles using tamper proof screws making it harder for vehicles to be stolen and plates removed. We are involved with South Moreton Police to achieve this project, our own volunteers who assist by fitting the screws, and others who organize the free sausage sizzle while folk are waiting for their cars.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May we plan on having a "Dogs on Patrol" day where free dog tags are given out, one per family, that have an app on them which can be used with a smart phone to contact police quickly. So for those that have a dog and walk them regularly, if you spot something suspicious or a crime being carried out, you can use the tag. There will be further details in upcoming Newsletters. We are also looking to have businesses associated with 'dogs' to show off their trade. Any suggestions?

As their effort in assisting in crime prevention in the community, the Association purchases the items that we give away from Neighbourhood Watch Queensland or Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, as well as the sausages etc. for the barbeques with each activity, that are available to anyone who attends. If anyone can volunteer their services at either event i.e. men with a drill and ladies who can cook sausages, please contact Pam Bauze and note the dates in your diaries.

We have lots of folk to thank especially our Zone Captains for the continued voluntary service they give to the community; the Moreton Bay Boat Club and the men who live on the Marina who set up the equipment for these days; the Coast Guard and volunteers who ensure the Christmas activities go to plan; and the Oyster Point Scouts for the use of their hall for our meetings at a nominal fee.

**SINCERE THANKS TO YOU ALL.**

Pamela Bauze – Area Coordinator **Newport Watch**