

**Meet Your Crime Prevention Manager
from
The Commissioners Inspectorate**

The Bankstown/Panania Neighbourhood Watch Movement **BK 13** has made arrangement for Acting Inspector Garry Groves to attend our monthly meeting as our Guest Speaker.

LOCATION, DATE and TIME

1. **Venue:-** Panania Diggers Club - old name - Panania East Hills RSL club.
2. **Date:-** 18th March 2008
3. **Time:-** From 10:30 am
4. **Location:-** 28 Childs Street Panania (Corner Childs Street and Marco Avenue)
5. **Direction at Club:-** Ask at desk for NHW Meeting Area.

CATERING

To assist us to cater for this event, would you please contact our Area Co-ordinator on

Phone 9771 2627

and provide John with the names and contact details of the people attending this event.

We are making arrangements:

1. To provide morning tea on your arrival.
2. Gary to speak for approximately three quarters of an hour using a Power Point presentation.
3. At the end of Gary's presentation, a period of time will be allowed for question time.

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Extracts from some of the Emails transmission between A/Inspector Gary Groves and the BK13 Newsletter editor:

Good Morning Everyone,

CC: Crime Prevention Officers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm with the NHW program. I have been to a number of your meetings and I envisage 2008 to be a very progressive year for NHW. There are a number of new groups being established which is fantastic, so many thanks. In line with providing you with the latest information, please find attached the Good Neighbour Fact Sheet which we have produced for you. This fact sheet can be used as an edition to your current newsletter. Please consider over the festive season and the new year, organising BBQ in your street to promote getting to know your neighbour.

The new updated Crime Prevention Website will be available on the internet site next week. It will contain the NHW guidelines and the latest newsletters.

You need to start sending electronic versions to me from 2008.

Gary

Hi Garry,

Please find attached the February Newsletter for Bankstown - **BK 13**. for uploading on the Internet NHW Newsletter Web page

(Extracts from) FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

News from BK13:

- It has come to our attention that the NSW NHW Movement was started some 20 years ago this year.
- It begs the question - is the NHW movement still as effective as it was when created?
- **What has changed in the last 20 years of NSW NHW operation?**
- In the year that the NHW Movement was created, we saw the introduction of the Personal Computer (PC).
- The introduction of the computer based Word Processing programs soon made the manual and electronic typewriters redundant.
- Our Council's Library Index Cards boxes which stored details about each library book and who the book was loaned to - was replaced with a Computer based database storage repository.
- In the mid 1990, we saw the introduction of the Email messaging system and access to the Internet Information System.
- The Mobile Telephone, SMS message systems and Emails Services are slowly replacing our fixed line telephone and Faxes.
- We are knocking down single owner dwelling and replaced them with multi-unit dwellings.

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- We have been replacing our neighbour's 1.6 metre high wooden fences with 1.8 metre high Colorbond fences. This prevents us from saying 'good day' to our neighbours over our back fences - we can only speak to our neighbours if we should see them out the front.
- On 9th January we heard about a person who had passed away at Yagoona and was not discovered for about 12 months.
- A Christian Religion minister, stated on ABC Radio, that he lives in a multi-storey housing complex and his building's computerised security access key only allowed him to access his floor from the building's lift. He can only knock on 3 or 4 neighbour's doors, on his floor.
- When this minister goes for his morning exercise, he has noticed that when he says 'good day' to other people - these people look at him in a very funny way.

**In the days before Television sets, we spoke to
our neighbours, invited them in for a 'cup of tea'
and offered to help
when needed.**

**These days we lock ourselves away
in our homes.**

Regards,

Bryan

Assisting Our Elderly Neighbours

Using the experience gained from the death of our elderly neighbour at Yagoona, early this year, the Neighbourhood Watch movement may be able to advise our elderly neighbours about obtaining aids/devices to protect themselves as they age.

The Government's current policy is to "**HOLD**" aged people and **people with a disability**, in their homes for a longer period of time. This is being done by providing Carer Assistance (a family member, friend or neighbour). With the elderly, as they age, now discovering that they may injure themselves in their homes much more easily, there is a need to make available an '**Assistance Base**' that can be access by these people when needed.

- **"without carers the system would collapse"**
- **"carers are so busy looking after someone else, they're not able to look after their own needs"**

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Your nearest **Commonwealth Carelink Centres** can provide you with information about community care and other disability and aged care services available in your local area. They can be contacted on Freecall 1800 052 222 or www.commcarelink.health.gov.au/

To find out what services can help you call “**The Commonwealth Carer Resource Centres**” on Freecall 1800 242 636 or www.carersaustralia.com.au/ or www.facs.gov.au/ . Ring to obtain information booklet, containing “Advice for Carers” (about 11 leaflets).