

Neighbourhood Watch West Hobart/City West

Phone numbers

Non-urgent matters 131 444 · CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000 · Emergency only 000

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Neighbourhood Watch meetings are cancelled till further notice

West Hobart Neighbourhood Watch are maintaining social separation and have suspended our monthly meetings at Lawrenny Court until further notice.

We will continue to produce our regular newsletter which is normally delivered but we will now distribute it digitally.

Feel free to print it out and share with our neighbours. You can download and view the latest issue at https://westhobart.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/nhwaaugust20.pdf

Suppport your local small businesses.

Current economic times are difficult, especially for our small businesses. We must support them now in order to ensure they still exist once the restrictions are lifted. So next time you need to make a purchase, ask yourself, "is there a local business that will appreciate my patronage? "

Also, shopping at a smaller business may be safer than going to a large supermarket. In smaller businesses there are less people at any given time for you to negotiate social distancing, and there is a good chance they are regulars who have got to know the business, and may be acquainted with you. This means a greater chance of them being careful and community minded in their social distancing and awareness of others.

What does neighbourhood watch do?

- 1. We are an official partner of Tasmania Police.
- 2. We legitimately access police crime and offence information.
- 3. We have state-wide networks for sharing that information.
- 4. We use our networks to increase community awareness.
- 5. We share crime prevention and community safety information.
- 6. We use our networks to reduce the fear of crime.
- 7. Research shows NHW reduces crime by between 16 and 26 percent.
- 8. We run crime prevention campaigns in our communities, such as Lock It or Lose It.

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The CrimeStoppers number is easy to remember Eighteen Hundred, Three Threes, Three Noughts

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CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

Crime Report

Crime report for July 2020

OR#644080, 23rd July, **Devonshire Square**. A white Toyota Hilux ute was stolen from outside the owners residence and later recovered in Glenorchy.

OR#6414009, 23rd July, **Roberts Street**. Unknown offenders have smashed the back door in to this residence, however the owner was home. The offender has taken off on foot. The matter is under investigation.

If you have information on these or any other crimes, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. "OR#"is the report number identifying the crime.

There may only be two crimes listed here, but please do not be complacent. Ensure your safety and security are considered at all times.

Security Tips

- Never hide keys outside. Potential offenders know where to look.
- Never leave your vehicle unlocked or with the key in the ignition.
- Don't leave items of value visible in a vehicle, eg
 the laptop sitting on the back seat, iPod or iPads in
 the centre console and thieves will break windows
 to get to your parking meter change.
- Secure your property. When you are not using something, store it away - bikes in the garage, tools in the shed. Criminals look for easy opportunities and theft takes but a few seconds.

A Chance to Smile and Be Happy

Life has been full of anxiety and bad news lately, so its lovely to hear that someone has been doing their bit to brighten our day.



Around our suburb, and I believe even further afield, someone has been leaving small stones with a smiling face and uplifting message saying, "If you find this Happy Stone, give a smile and take it home".

A simple but effective way to bring a smile to our faces. Thank you to the mystery person.

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