



# Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

1st Quarter 2019

Beaumaris

## Upcoming Events

### February

**Coffee with Cops**  
Wednesday 20 Feb 10.30am  
Ginger Fox— Concourse

### Is it a scam?

*A Special NHW Event*  
Monday 25 Feb 6.30 pm  
At Beaumaris Bowls Club  
Register by phone 0416 294 452  
Or [nhwbeaumaris@gmail.com](mailto:nhwbeaumaris@gmail.com)

### March

**Community Update**  
Monday 25 March 6.30 pm  
Beaumaris Secondary College

## Emergency Numbers

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**Police Station**  
8530 5100  
**Crime Stoppers**  
1800 333 000  
**Scamwatch**  
[scamwatch.gov.au](http://scamwatch.gov.au)

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## Neighbourhood Watch is proud to announce our first Crime Prevention Event



**Monday 25th February 6.30 pm at the  
Beaumaris Bowls Club, Martin Street**

**Speakers from Consumer Affairs and Westpac.  
Come share your experiences too—good and bad**

Scamwatch tells us that a total of \$102,000,000 was lost to scams by Australians in 2018 with over 150,000 reports. This is up from \$90,000,000 in 2017, and that is just what has been reported!

This is serious. Are we becoming more gullible or complacent or are they just getting cleverer or are there just more scams to catch us out?

Clearly we need to be on our guard all the time....which is rather sad isn't it?

As you know, we must never open doubtful links on our computer or phone. We also must not fall for those phone calls or emails offering amazing deals, or calls terrifying us with claims that we're about to be sued by the Tax Office or those saying our internet is down and the caller is from Telstra (which he is NOT) and wants to access our Computer to sort it out but instead leaves us with a virus.....

Our Special Event is intended to bring awareness as well as providing strategies to ensure we minimise the pitfalls. **See page 2 for details**

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## Chairman's Report

We wish you all the very best for 2019 .

It's been a very busy few months for Neighbourhood Watch Beaumaris and we are thrilled with the response received from the Beaumaris Community. Our volunteer numbers are now nearly 100. Thank you Beaumaris.

Our launch in November was attended by nearly 100 residents and many Community Leaders. Presenters included Victoria Police, Senior Sergeant Jim Jackson; Neighbourhood Watch CEO, Bambi Gordon; Bayside Mayor, Michael Heffernan; Bendigo Bank Beaumaris Manager, Lew Rimington and NHW Black Rock Chair, Philip Lovel. Also in attendance were outgoing Mayor, Laurie Evans and outgoing Member for Sandringham, Murray Thompson.

In December we hosted our first "Coffee with the Cops" at Aunty Betty's. This was attended by some 30 residents and I think all found it interesting and also enjoyable. Our second "Coffee with the Cops" is being held on Wednesday 20th February at Ginger Fox in the Concourse so come along at 10.30am and have a chat with your local Police Officers.

We have also been visible at two Farmers Markets, The Beaumaris Art market and the Christmas event in the Concourse.

Graffiti is a scourge. It defaces our suburb and must be removed. Our goal at Neighbourhood Watch is to eliminate it from Beaumaris & Black Rock.

We are forming a new Volunteer group of residents that we call "Graffiti Busters". Hopefully you have noticed already that some graffiti has been removed by our active Graffiti Busters.....Read more in this newsletter see the back page..

Another new initiative is our Special Crime Prevention events. The first, addresses "Scams." We have speakers from Consumer Affairs and Westpac.

Light food provided & the Club bar is open. A gold coin donation will be sought towards expenses.

**Date is Feb. 25th, 6.30 at the Beaumaris Bowls Club, Please register by email or phone.**

I hope to see you there

Geoff Bransbury  
Neighbourhood Watch Beaumaris

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### Guard Dog

Cute eh? But not really a guard dog. There are simple things you can do to avoid becoming a victim.

### Car

70% of motor vehicle theft occurs when the crim gets hold of your keys. Don't leave keys in a bowl at the front door, or visible on a hook - especially if you don't lock the door when you are at home. It takes less than 30 seconds to open the door, grab your keys, and steal your car

### Ladder

Most crime is opportunistic. And most crims want it to be as easy as possible. Don't leave ladders outside that a crim can use to get in to your home. Simple things but they work.

### Laptop

Criminals don't necessarily set out in the morning to commit a crime - but they will be on the lookout for opportunities. Don't tempt them by leaving valuables on show in an unattended home.

### Take the quiz at

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## Parents, we know you know this but it keeps happening!

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Children under 5 MUST be kept within arm's reach at all times.

Children under 10 MUST always be kept within sight.

Remember, 20 seconds is all it takes for a drowning to occur. If you notice an unsupervised child near water, please alert lifeguards at the nearest life saving club or call 000 and keep the child under supervision till help arrives.



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## Recent Crime in Beaumaris Victoria Police report – 8.12.18– 8.01.19 Never get complacent

### Theft from motor vehicle

There were three thefts from cars in Summerhill Road overnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December:

15/12/18 – overnight in Summerhill Road – vehicle parked in the driveway- no signs of forced entry – vehicle rummaged through and sunglasses stolen, also garage remote and key stolen.

15/12/18 – overnight in Summerhill Road – vehicle parked in the carport – no signs of forced entry – ransacked but nil stolen.

15/12/18 – overnight in Grandview Ave – aerial stolen from vehicle.

8/12/18 – over a period of a few days – Hugo Street – no signs of forced entry - golf clubs stolen

### Burglary

11/12 – Gareth Avenue – front door kicked in and back window smashed. House rummaged through, witness heard smashing glass and called 000 – jewellery, iPad and Christmas gifts stolen. CCTV given to police.

18/12 – Balcombe Road – occurred over a few days. Rear shed left unlocked. Offenders climbed fence and stole chainsaw from this shed.

2/1 – Balcombe Road – overnight, retail premises. Offenders jemmied doors, alarm activated, and security company alerted owners. CCTV has been given to police.

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# Graffiti Busters is a Neighbourhood Watch Beaumaris initiative



**Graffiti Busters**

**Join us and let's clean up Beaumaris and Black Rock!**



## Enough is enough. We must do something about graffiti.

The Bayside Council agrees and has passed its graffiti strategy. They are also supplying us with cleaning materials and we are very grateful. The Council will remove graffiti from council property but not private property. Most graffiti is found in back lanes on private property or power boxes etc.

Private citizens should remove graffiti on their property but this is not happening enough, sometimes for valid reasons. But often not. We've decided to step in and help. "People Power" is required.

Our plan is to seek volunteers willing to help clean-up graffiti. We will establish "Responsibility Zones", for example, The Concourse, Seaview, Balcombe Park, Black Rock Village.

The Zone Volunteers will commit to keeping their zone graffiti free. We will ask you, the residents, to tell us by email or phone when new graffiti appears. We will either inform the Council or put a "clean order" out to the accountable Zone Leader. The key is to remove graffiti as soon as possible. We will advise residents of our intent to remove graffiti from their property and will not do so if they object.

It is early days but we've made a start, thanks to a few very committed volunteers, but there is a long way to go.

**We need 20-30 committed volunteers willing to join in. It's rewarding and sociable.**

## Want to join Graffiti Busters or learn more?

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