



Neighbourhood Watch

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2nd Quarter 2019

NHW 3193 Beaumaris & Black Rock

Upcoming Events

April

Coffee with Cops
Wed 10 April 10.00am
Happy Jacques
28 Bluff Rd Black Rock

Police Open Day
Sat 27 April 10.00-2.00
Bayside Police Station
25-31 Abbott St
Sandringham

May

Special Event
"Helping families
Cope with Drugs"

Mon 27 May 6.30 pm
Sandringham Bowls
Club, Tulip St.

June

Safety Plate Day
Sat 15 June 10.00 -2.00
7Eleven
Balcombe Rd Black
Rock

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**Beaumaris and
Black Rock**

Neighbourhood Watch 3193 is proud to announce a special event

"Helping Families Cope with Drugs"

Speaker Tom Valenta, Author.



**Monday 27th May—6.30 pm at the
Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street**

Approximately 1 in 8 Australians has used at least 1 illegal substance in the last 12 months and 1 in 20 has misused a pharmaceutical drug. Surveys over many decades confirm these findings.

As a parent, what can you do if you are confronted with drug and alcohol abuse? It's a complex issue but help is available – and knowledge is power.

These issues will be discussed by Tom Valenta after which there will be a Panel Discussion which includes Danny Alcock from TaskForce and Victoria Police. Please ask your questions.

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Chairman's Report

Welcome to our first joint Beaumaris & Black Rock Newsletter. It is delivered to 9500 homes by some 45 Volunteers. We are very grateful for their help.

Our aim is to foster a more secure Community. To this end we have been organising special "Crime Prevention Events," "Coffee with the Cops" with Victoria Police and also we've attended two local Farmers Markets to promote NHW .

Our recent event, "Is it a Scam?" was one of the largest events held by NHW in Victoria. Over 200 residents registered so a second event was held on 25th March. Feedback from our first event was great and so we believe it was well worthwhile.

Our next event is "Helping Families Cope with Drugs". We have an excellent speaker, Tom Valenta who has written three books on this very difficult and emotional subject.

We also hope you have noticed that there is less graffiti in 3193. Our "Graffiti Busters" have been at work! We have 25 Volunteers but we need more in Black Rock. Please get on board. It's very satisfying, sociable, easy and doesn't take up too much time.

Our goal is to make 3193 graffiti free. To do this we need to remove new graffiti as it happens. We have plans to take this Bayside wide.

We, at NHW feel we need to be better informed. We hear a lot of anecdotal comments, but rarely get enough real information to pass on, so please let us know when crime occurs to you or others..

Thanks to all who support us. Special thanks to Victoria Police; Beaumaris Bowls Club & Beaumaris Sports Club for hosting our scams events and Sandringham Bowls Club who will host our May 27 Event; Park Road Home Hardware for supporting Graffiti Busters; Westpac for supporting our scams event; Bayside Council & our advertisers, and of course, you the Community of 3193

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Fire in a rubbish truck!



Yes, it happened on a hot day in January in Griffiths Street. Something that shouldn't have been there was there. Luckily the safety camera alerted the driver. He dumped the load to douse the fire.

**This is a timely reminder.
Don't put batteries in your bins.**

Batteries can cause fires especially on extremely hot days. You can recycle these items at your local library as well as at the council offices.

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Message from Senior Sergeant
Jim Jackson
Bayside Police

Bayside Police are pleased to be working with Beaumaris & Black Rock Neighbourhood Watch

The progress both groups have been making relating to Graffiti and cleaning up our neighbourhood has been outstanding and I'm sure you the community appreciate their efforts. One only needs to look at the mural wall at Black Rock to see just how effective these groups are in engaging with our community. They need your support so please come along to the meetings and community events. I'm sure your attendance and support would be very much appreciated.



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CCTV can help catch crooks

Black Rock Metro Store was broken into for the third time in four weeks on 1st March.

CCTV cameras on the NHW Mural at Shine Health, recorded two crooks driving a stolen, silver BMW, down Bluff Rd to the roundabout, returning minutes later and parking on the wrong side in front of Metro. The driver smashed the Metro door; The passenger shifted into the driver's seat. Luckily, the crooks left, near - empty-handed.....They sped away, towards Hampton at 1.43am, almost hitting a yellow cab.

Bayside CIB would like to hear from the Cab Driver .

The CCTV cameras were sponsored by Bendigo Bank & installed as part of the NHW Mural project which has had such a great result.

This shows the benefit of CCTV Cameras to our community

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Rarely are homeowners sufficiently conscious of their home Security. Many of us have a "she'll be right" attitude. Do you need to smarten up?

Some tips:

- ⇒ Be conscious of your neighbours coming and goings and they of yours.
- ⇒ Before going away: Cancel papers, redirect mail. Maybe ask friends to turn lights on and move curtains occasionally etc.
- ⇒ Have photographs of your personal items.
- ⇒ Don't leave wheelie bins on the street.
- ⇒ Don't put personal information in your bin.
- ⇒ Have effective outdoor lighting
- ⇒ Fit Dead Locks to your windows.
- ⇒ Display Security WARNING SIGNS.
- ⇒ Consider installing CCTV and Alarms. If you have them, have you had them serviced lately?

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Just Hang Up



Over 200 registered for NHW Scam Event

NHW 3193, Special Event "Is it a Scam" drew such a huge response, that a second event was held on 25 March.

Guest speakers Brian Williams from Consumer Affairs and Adam Matthews from Westpac Bank discussed the wide variety of **scams** faced by our Community ranging across the internet and other social media, financial and banking services, property maintenance, through to 'phishing' for identity information.

"We all need to be so careful! Even the act of answering the phone informs a computer that the number is valid and that you're at home to receive a further call."

One piece of advice stood out "Hang up – Fast!" because there is no other safeguard against international crime cartels attempting to defraud you. Your family or friends will call back!

NBN Scam – Don't drop your guard

A sophisticated NBN robocall phone scam has been targeting areas of the suburbs where installations are currently underway.

The scammers leave messages or tell you the internet was going to be cut off as NBN was being installed.

The automated message prompts people to press "one" to discuss the matter or "two" to have your service disconnected.

Selecting either option will transfer the victim to a call centre where scammers will attempt to get them to hand over personal information.

If the NBN is coming your way, don't drop your guard. This is NOT A CO-INCIDENCE

Don't ignore it Report it

What should you do if something catches your eye and it just doesn't feel right to you? Maybe it's someone looking suspicious. Maybe it's something else that strikes you as odd or out of place. Possibly you feel you might be imagining it?

What if you're right and you ignore it?

The Police say - call 000.

Note: The Police prefer you call 000, NOT the local station as 000 is geared for rapid response.



Coffee with the Cops



A good roll up at Ginger Fox

A "Coffee with the Cops" was held at Ginger Fox in the Concourse in February. Some 30 residents and six local Police Officers attended, so everyone had a chance to chat with them and share their issues. Senior Sergeant Jackson discussed police activities in the Community. These sessions are great value so come along!

The next "Coffee with the Cops" will be held at Happy Jacques, 28 Bluff Rd, Black Rock Wed 10 April 10.00am

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The magnificent Black Rock Bluff Road Mural organised and painted by NHW was a major task, a huge effort from many people. We had great support. Special thanks to DULUX and their contractor "let's paint your place"

They repaired the wall, under-coated it and did the final two special anti-graffiti coats for free.

They wanted to support the Black Rock community. This saved us much time and money.

We wish to promote them within our community of Black Rock and Beaumaris, So, give **Daniel Mueller** a ring or email him if you want something painted. He and his staff are real professionals.

**Daniel can be contacted on 0407143262
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Beaumaris: Then & Now

Exhibition at the Beaumaris Library

Thursday 21st March until Thursday 18th April.

The launch will be held Wednesday 27th March 7.00pm at Beaumaris Library. All welcome.

Lots of things to see. Our history comes alive
Share your stories, as well as seeing a collection of Beaumaris Community Newsletters which were published between 1958 - 1977.

Many thanks to Liz Millman, a regular visitor from Wales, who has family connections with Beaumaris North Wales. Liz has been instrumental in creating this unique exhibition.



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Crimes in February in 3193 Never get complacent

Source: Victoria Police & Local information

- Whitten Court**—gang broke into house whilst resident was home. Goods stolen and threats made
- Red Bluff Street**—two storey house jemmied aluminium windows whilst residents up- stairs and stole many goods and their car
- Bayview Crescent**—broke into down -stairs and stole lots of goods and two cars. CCTV identified gang.
- Tramway Parade** – Car windows smashed
- Cromer Road** - Car window smashed, takeaway food carton stolen, brief case left behind!
- Cromer Road**, – rear door open. Offender disturbed
- Stanhope Street**– forced door, ransacked house
- Arkaringa Crescent**– lock broken and tools stolen.
- Emily Street** – window jemmied and tools stolen.
- Balcombe Road** – entry via rear window, jewellery stolen.
- Bluff Road, Black Rock** – smashed window in shop
- Balcombe Road** – forced lock, car rummaged through.
- Rossmith Ave** – unlocked car, cash and sunglasses stolen.
- Cromer Rd**– unlocked car, cash & papers stolen.
- Mariemont Ave** – smashed window in car
- Mariemont Ave** – unlocked car, runners stolen.
- Deauville St** – unlocked car, wallet and cards stolen.
- Towers St** – unlocked car, rummaged through.
- Balcombe Road** – locked car, unknown method of entry.
- If you are renting/leasing your house you should be extra careful. Ask us why?*

Report crime to Police but also let NHW know so we can alert everyone as needed.

Please contact
either Philip Lovel 0421 344 442 or

Geoff Bransbury 0416 294 452

or email nhw3193@gmail.com.

See Graffiti? CALL



Graffiti Busters

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Graffiti Busters is an initiative of NHW 3193.

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Our goal is to take back our suburb from these vandals and eliminate graffiti.

We now have 25 Volunteers mostly in Beaumaris so residents of Black Rock - please join us. We have strict rules, and insist on quality. We do not charge to remove graffiti so we rely on donations.

Join us, its rewarding

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Graffiti Busters at work

Which do you prefer?



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