



Neighbourhood Watch 3193

Beamaris & Black Rock

First Quarter 2021



In 2020, Neighbourhood Watch 3193 undertook a series of support projects to assist the people of East Gippsland. Initially, we shipped three containers for use as storage for the people who had lost their homes and sheds. In Cann River, we met Sherylle Holster, founder of Cann River Volunteers. We were amazed at her dedication and commitment and the work she has done for those unfortunate people. We committed ourselves to do more.

In our November 2020 newsletter, we asked for donations to fill two containers. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of you, our residents of 3193. Also we have been supported by many including Community Bank, Beamaris, Rotary, Bayside Council, Beamaris Secondary College and many trucking companies.

The project is now complete. In February 2021, to thank everybody, we held a celebration in honour of all who have assisted. Sherylle and her partner, Dave Morrison joined us.

This is a "bumper" edition as we feel this story is worth telling with pictures. We have a wonderful community.

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President's Report

Neighbourhood Watch 3193 Inc.



Philip Lovel

Our time recently has been consumed with our support project for the fire victims of East Gippsland.

We tell the story in some detail in this newsletter.

We are now in the "start up" phase to recommence our core activities - crime minimisation and facilitation of projects that improve the liveability of our suburb.

What have we learnt in 2020? - Clearly that things can change very quickly. We never ever thought about being locked down; all relationships at work and home have changed. Nothing can be taken for granted.

So, what of the future?

We need to be positive, considerate and enjoy what life has to offer. We don't know what's around the corner.

What is NHW 3193 planning for the rest of 2021?

We will host at least three "Coffee with the Cops" sessions and two "Coffee with the Mayor" sessions. The first will be in April 2021.

We will hold two Information/Community forums, the first in September 2021

We will host the inaugural NHW 3193 President's Dinner. This will be a fundraising event with great speakers. This will be held in August 2021.

Planning is underway on the "Gateway Mural" at the Black Rock Village Clock Tower intersection.

We plan to complete a CCTV survey to establish which properties have CCTV to assist the Police with crime resolutions in our suburbs.

We plan replacement of the faded NHW signs in 3193.

We will continue our Graffiti Busting activities and start new groups in neighbouring suburbs

Thank you to all our committed volunteers and supporters.

Keep your eyes open for more information on our upcoming events.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best wishes for 2021
Philip Lovel AM
President, NHW 3193



A message from our Mayor Cr Laurie Evans



Congratulations Neighbourhood Watch 3193 for continuing to support not just the Bayside community but those well beyond our municipal borders.

Council is here to support our community and I'd like to remind residents there are a range of grants available including funding for individuals or families experiencing financial hardship and re-activation grants for community organisations, clubs and groups forced to close or reduce operations due to COVID-19.

Residents experiencing financial difficulties can also defer rates payments with no penalty interest for up to 12 months under Council's Hardship Policy.

No challenge is too big or small- just give us a call on 9599 4444 and we can assist with a range of services and support.

Let's remember to practise COVID safe behaviours and follow the current restrictions set by the Victorian Government so we can continue to stay safe, stay open and support our Bayside businesses.

We look forward to our continued work with Neighbourhood Watch 3193 and can't wait to see what you have in store for the rest of the year.

Keep up the good work.
Mayor Cr Laurence Evans OAM

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Beamaris and Black Rock Project to support East Gippsland



This story is a proud reflection of the generosity of the residents of Beamaris and Black Rock and the many organisations who have contributed to this worthy cause. We at Neighbourhood Watch 3193 are extremely proud to have facilitated this amazing project.

It began in January 2020. NHW 3193 held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings which raised \$3600.

These funds were used for the purchase of three shipping containers for use as storage for those farmers left without homes or sheds. We freighted them to Cann River with the generous support of SECON.

It was in Cann River that NHW 3193 President Philip Lovel and Vice President Geoff Bransbury met Sherylle Holster, founder of Cann River Volunteers. Sherylle, a pensioner had taken it upon herself to assist the hundreds of destitute families in the outlying areas of East Gippsland.

We found it hard to believe that so much of the millions of dollars that had been raised for bushfire relief had failed to reach so many people. We committed ourselves to do more.

November/December 2020 - NHW 3193 purchased two additional containers with the goal of filling them with relevant items for shipment to East Gippsland. In our November Newsletter we asked for donations of food, toys, tools and also financial donations.

We used some of these funds to fill 62 Christmas stockings with toys for the kids and also for Christmas puddings from Lions. We sent vouchers to Cann River for the purchase of food and hampers for Christmas.

Victorian Freight Services (VFS) freighted 88 boxes of food and toys to Cann River in December and a further 140 in January, at no cost. We are indebted to their generosity.



Ken Beadle arranged 62 Christmas "stockings"
Ken and Trevor Allwright from "I Found It"



"Ladies Little Luxuries" - lovingly prepared
by the ladies from Bayside Inner Wheel



88 boxes sent in December, 150 in January
They freighted them to Cann River, for free

It seemed the whole community wanted to help. We received donations of just about everything - toys, tools, work benches, bedding, quilts, fridges, washing machines, camping equipment, even a solar panel and 100 bottles of champagne for Christmas!

January 2021 - We were overwhelmed. Over 200 families donated items. We commenced pick up.



Some of the boxes awaiting shipment



Picking up donations from Men's Shed



Picking up donations from Beamaris Men's
Shed - Paul Crompton and Charlie Rosa

January 2021 - The containers arrive and so too a mountain of donations.

Initially we thought we could set up a couple of trestle tables and just load the donations into the containers. How wrong was that. We received trailer load after trailer load from the generous residents of 3193. We soon realised we needed a collection area. We asked Bayside Council and they kindly allowed us to put the containers and sort the donations on the now closed Sandringham Driving Range.



Containers arrive



Boys will be boys- Geoff Bransbury



Painting the containers



Ken Beadle hosing out the containers



Henry Nissen at work



Paul Crompton sorting out screws



All electrical devices were checked by Ben Weston, Byrd Electrical



Some of our volunteers



We are indebted also to Glen Cameron and Paul Vawdrey

February 2021 - NHW 3193 organises a "Thank You Event" for our supporters, donors and volunteers.

We wanted to make the day special and it was. The weather was beautiful too.

We invited Sherylle Holster and partner Dave Morrison to join us. Sherylle spoke and had most of us in tears as she told us the story of the hardship that many still face in and around Cann River.

Philip Lovel AM, our President, hosted the event with his usual humour and enthusiasm.

Bayside Mayor Laurie Evans and Local Member Brad Rowsell attended and made excellent speeches.



February 2021 - NHW 3193 "Thank You Event" CONTINUED

Guests enjoyed free Mini Golf courtesy of Sandy Mini Golf and a free golf clinic with Bruce Green, RMGC professional. We had a "nearest the pin competition" which was won by Alan Gaskell. We heard from a great jazz group called "Front Porch". Geoff made his "famous" but, surprisingly, alcohol-free punch.



Community Bank Beaumaris' Peter Demura gave NHW 3193 a cheque for \$4000 to enable us to buy a fire trailer for Genoa.



NHW 3193 donated a second hand car to Sherylle. Her loan car had been returned to the dealer. She needs a car.



A "toast" to the people of Gippsland ended the day. Fun was had by all.



Painting the containers - Daiana Ingleton and BSC students with Assistant Principal Peter Bartlett



A message to Beaumaris and Black Rock from Sherylle Holster



Sherylle Holster and partner Dave Morrison

"I want to thank you all for a fabulous weekend. Your generosity is overwhelming, it brings tears to my eyes.

Thank you to the lovely ladies from Bayside Inner Wheel who donated the boxes of goodies for women and Moira's quilts (Moira Shepherd) are beautiful.

The students of Beaumaris Secondary College and artist director Daiana Ingleton who painted the containers so beautifully, will bring a smile to all our bushfire victims, thank you. So many of you with kind hearts.

To all of those who donated and helped out, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sherylle Holster, March 2021



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Project Cann River - Where does the donated money go?

NHW 3193 takes great care to ensure donations go directly to the fire victims in and around Cann River. All donations are held in trust in NHW 3193's Bendigo Bank account.

Sherylle looks after families in Wangrabelle, Wingan, Gypsy Point, Marrimingo, Club Terrace, Genoa, Combienbar, Cann River, Chandlers Creek plus individual farms.

Sherylle Holster has asked for help with food, clothes, hardware and fuel to cover her travel out to all the outlying hamlets surrounding Cann River. We have provided vouchers. This method ensures a quick response to the immediate need and ensures accountability.

These are some of the items purchased over the past 3 months.

- ⇒ Food items such as tea, coffee, sugar, flour, tinned fruit, sauce, plus other basic items.
- ⇒ Marquees for storage and weather protection of hampers - Sherylle works out of her own house.
- ⇒ Clothes such as jumpers, shoes, jeans, cardigans, dressing gowns, tee shirts, nighties.
- ⇒ Christmas stockings and toys as well as Christmas puddings from Lions.
- ⇒ A second hand car, as her loan car was only available until December 2020.
- ⇒ Additional Fire trailer(s) are being considered. Two at least are needed.

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Does he/she know your passwords, where your will is kept, details of your assets etc.?

Finding out this critical information could be a difficult or even impossible process that puts your loved ones under additional strain while dealing with the stress of your illness or death.

There is a solution - Document all your information **NOW** and keep it current. Yes, that might be a chore but it may prove very necessary someday.

To make it easy, booklets and or services are available to help. Bruce Edmonds and Associates in the Concourse, offers its clients an "ICE plan" (In Case of Emergency).

It's a repository of all your information which can only be accessed by nominated individuals as a result of an emergency.

If you need such a service, check with your accountant or solicitor or simply do it yourself and keep it in the safe!

Police report surge in bike theft

We all want to see kids having fun and riding their bikes is great... providing they're not stolen!



Police have advised a recent spate of bike thefts. They say always lock the bike with a good lock. (Lock your car too by the way - and close the windows.)

NHW 3193 can loan you an engraver if you wish. Just email us on nhw3193@gmail.com.

Talking about bikes - we have received many complaints about kids hooning around riding fast on pavements. Also reports of electric/motorised bikes tearing around. One lady recently got hit.

If serious, call 131444 , Police can follow up with their 24/7 patrols.

Please, if you have kids, remind them to take care. Enjoy the bike but don't let someone else suffer from a silly mistake.

Beware of vaccine scams



There's never a quiet moment when it comes to scams. There are the tax time scams, the NBN scams, the Centrelink scams, the dating scams. Now, with the rollout of the COVID vaccines, there's a whole new area for scammers to attempt to exploit.

As with all scams , they will probably ask you to "click" on a link or send money. Or fill in a form with your information.

Don't fall for it, no matter how good it sounds.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Scamwatch website reports that it has received more than 5000 reports about scams relating to the pandemic and that Australian victims had already lost \$6.3 million to COVID-related scams. **That was before the vaccine so now there is a new opportunity for them to try and gouge money out of us. Remember, just use your common sense and always be aware.**

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The COVID vaccine has arrived, when will I get mine?

by **Dr Maureen Burke**
Next Practice Black Rock



The three phase rollout of the vaccine is based on:

- how likely you are to come in contact with the virus
- how likely you are to be badly affected if you did come in contact

Phase 1a is underway for very high risk workers and aged care residents through their employers or aged care facilities.

Phase 1b will start in late March and will include other high risk workers, people over 70 and people with certain underlying health conditions. This phase will be delivered through some larger GP clinics and maybe other venues in the future. This is currently being determined by the government and the best place to check for up-to-date information is at the Department of Health website, here:

www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines

Phases 2 and 3 will follow. Check which phase you are eligible for here:

covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility

Which GP clinics are involved and how do I book my vaccine appointment?

This is being determined as you read this, more information should be available in the next couple of weeks. Again, keep an eye on the Department of Health website above for updates.

While I am waiting, what can I do to prepare for my vaccine appointment?

- Make sure your Medicare details are up to date. Check your myGov account, or call **132 011**.
- Not sure if the vaccine is right for you? Why not make an appointment to discuss it with your usual GP. You can see the consent form you will be asked to sign on the day and have time to consider without feeling pressured. The vaccination is not mandatory.
- Is my underlying health condition included in Phase 1b? Make an appointment with your usual GP who can advise you and provide you with proof of your condition for booking your appointment.

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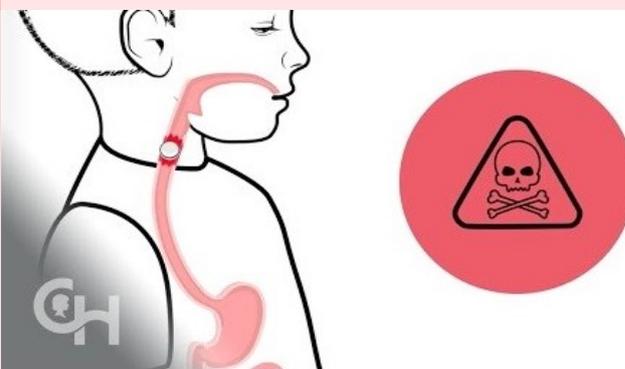
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Button batteries can kill!

A button battery swallowed by a child may cause death if not detected. The problem is that the symptoms which may initially seem like a virus may not be identified as a swallowed battery.



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In one fatality, it was thought the child might have picked up a discarded button battery in a park!

Always be watchful and aware.

Essentially the battery can block the digestive system. If undetected it corrodes in the digestive fluids and can destroy the surrounding tissue.

It is essential that button cells are stored out of the reach of children and if you have any concerns see your doctor immediately.

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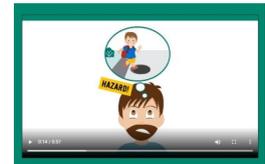


New Neighbourhood Watch Victoria interactive website - "Watch 4 Kids" Helps kids to prepare to travel alone

Everybody has the right to feel safe at all times.

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids will take you on an interactive learning journey to improve safety knowledge, increase confidence and empower your child to trust their instincts and react appropriately to unsafe situations.

Check out NHW Vic's interactive website with information, quizzes, videos and downloads to help parents and children to prepare for traveling alone in the community. Visit [Home \(nhw4kidsvic.com.au\)](http://Home(nhw4kidsvic.com.au)) -Tell your friends!



Think you are too young for a portable medical alarm?

*Perhaps you regard your mobile phone as your rescue service? What if you can't reach it in time?
Perhaps you don't need one yourself, but what about your parents or grandparents?*

A mobile medical alarm may be worth considering, especially if your balance is not what it used to be. Alternatively, if not for you, it might give you some peace of mind if your loved ones live alone. Even for short periods.

There are multiple options available with prices from \$100 to \$500 and with many different features. Monitoring options are available and are paid for by monthly subscription. However, we suggest you do your research.

Which features do you require?

- ⇒ Lanyards, bracelets, belt-clips?
- ⇒ Multiple emergency contacts (including 000)
- ⇒ Showerproof
- ⇒ Fall detection
- ⇒ GPS locator etc



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The Concourse Traders together with Bayside Council have set up the Beaumaris Concourse on social media. Follow us on Facebook, search Beaumaris Concourse. Our Instagram page will also be up shortly. The Traders have a great competition running on social media in the coming weeks, with heaps of prizes to be spent in the Concourse, so keep your eyes open, follow our socials and be ready to enter.

Thanks for supporting your locals. - Trevor Allwright, Concourse Traders.

Help!!!!



The Friends of Black Rock House

We need your help to discourage the teenagers who are climbing onto the roof of Bayside's oldest house. Not only is it trespassing, it's very dangerous and the 160 year old Welsh slate tiles are being cracked and broken allowing the rain to ruin precious wallpapers.

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Bayside Senior Citizen of the year Congratulations Derek Jones



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Mental Health First Aid training in our local community,

Food hampers for Bayside Community Care and Matt's Place,

To find out more about Rotary Club of Beaumaris, please contact Megan at glenwrightmegan@gmail.com



After an 11-month dramatic pause Beaumaris Theatre is back in show biz with rehearsals for the Australian premiere of *Anne & Gilbert The Musical*, based on the beloved books by LM Montgomery. Our season on 21st May to 5th June.

Please visit our website for all news and updates

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A message from Brad Rowswell MP State Member for Sandringham



With the Federal Government's rollout of Covid vaccines now underway, we hope things can return to some semblance of "normal".

Yet many local community organisations are still feeling the financial effects of last year's lockdown, and many remain bound by some form of restrictions.

That's why I was glad to meet with leaders of 50 community organisations at my annual Sandringham District Community Forum in December last year. Leaders, Presidents, Chairs and Convenors from across the community came together to workshop the needs of our community in 2021.

Together, we discussed the challenges that lie ahead, and how we can work together to come back stronger than before. From community health services, environmental and sporting clubs to Probus clubs, seniors groups and all in between - these community leaders know and understand locals better than most and I look forward to advocating on their behalf to bring their vision of better community to life.

As I regularly say, community doesn't happen by accident. It takes a dedicated group of volunteers to build it. And that's something I'll always support in whatever way I can.

NICK JOHNSTONE



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Keys Street - Once the throbbing heart of Beaumaris!

Did you know that sleepy Keys Street Beaumaris (off Beach Road) was once the busy first shopping heart of Beaumaris?

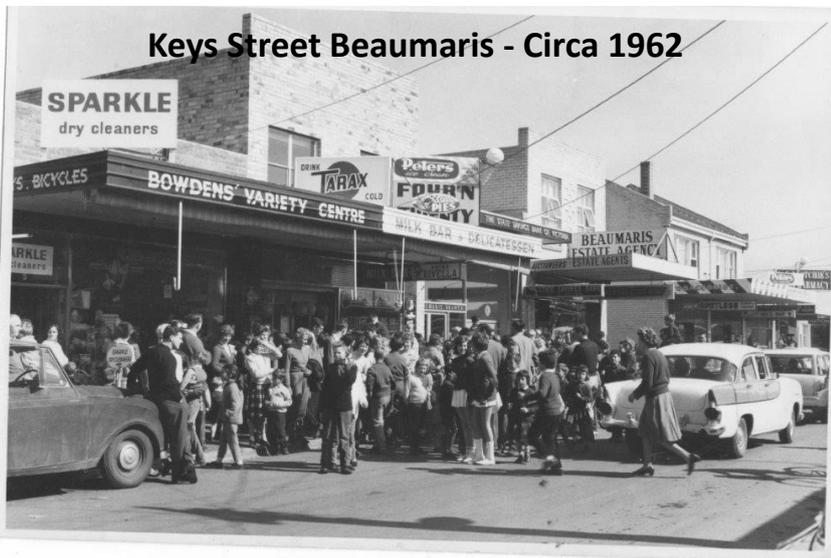
This was long before the Concourse, Seaview or Southland were developed. A horse drawn tram used to trundle down from Sandringham full of holidaymakers. How times change.

John Ellis a local resident, often seen with his dog enjoying coffee at Whisk and Grind or in the Concourse at EST, tells us he proudly remembers starting as the junior clerk at State Bank in Keys St.

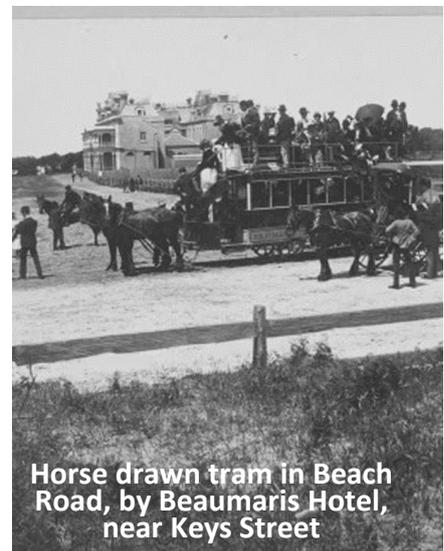
He says the street had three Banks, a Chemist, Post Office, Real Estate Agent, Ladies Hair Salon and an AMPOL service station. A General Store and Refreshment Rooms built by James Chipperfield in the 1880s was on the corner of Keys Street. As you see from the photo below, at certain times it was teeming with people!

Keys Street was part of the "land boom subdivisions of Moysey's Beaumaris Park" and named after Cr. Robert Keys.

Know more about your street - Sandringham and District Historical Society have a book called "The Street Where You Live."



Keys Street Beaumaris - Circa 1962



Horse drawn tram in Beach Road, by Beaumaris Hotel, near Keys Street

Please send us interesting stories about Beaumaris and Black Rock



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