



# Neighbourhood Watch 3193

## Beamaris & Black Rock

Winter 2021

### Mural Art Blossoms in Black Rock

*Take a walk around Black Rock – there is less graffiti and more murals*

One positive side of the graffiti scourge has been the explosion of creative murals that have sprung up in Bayside, particularly in Black Rock - Murals deter graffiti and beautify our streets.



*Our second mural "The Lifesaver" on Beach Road, opposite the Lifesaving Club, near the clocktower. Artist - Daiana Ingleton. Daiana also painted the cyclists close by on a private wall.*

*NHW 3193's first mural in 2018 In the Bluff Road car park. Artist Daiana Ingleton.*

*NHW 3193's first Beamaris mural-In Seaview. Artist - Daiana Ingleton.*

### One man's vision is making a difference

Have you seen the laneway by 606 Balcombe Road? There are a series of beautiful murals that now cover a wall once grubby and graffitied. They are the vision of George Petropoulos.



*Mural on private building in laneway between Bluff Road car park and Beach Road.*



### Introducing Little Big Gallery



*George Petropoulos has opened a small private gallery in Laneway 606 Balcombe Road. A space for use by local artists and community groups.*

*For info contact [www.thelittlebiggallery.com](http://www.thelittlebiggallery.com)*

**Jigsaws puzzles of these two murals are available! NHW 3193 is offering these at \$35 as a fundraiser. We will deliver. Email [nhw3193@gmail.com](mailto:nhw3193@gmail.com)**

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## President's Report

### Neighbourhood Watch 3193 Inc.



Philip Lovel AM President NHW 3193

These are different times we live in; difficult and stressful. I keep saying to people, stay positive, stay safe and live for today. We have a beautiful suburb in 3193. Let's look after everyone.

The NHW 3193 Board and Committee want to help everyone to avoid scams, criminals and theft from our premises and cars. This edition of our newsletter will give some hints and reminders.

We all have neighbours, let's get to know them. It is easy. Just speak to them when you see them. ***We are all in this together!***

To complete our project to support East Gippsland, we have recently ordered a fire trailer. This is kindly sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank, Beaumaris. (*Perhaps we should also sponsor a boat as they have been washed out many times since the bushfires in January 2020.*) The fire trailer will be located at Genoa.

#### Here are some plans for the next 6 months.

- ⇒ ***Complete plans for a significant mural in Beaumaris.***
- ⇒ ***Re-start the good work of Graffiti Busters.***
- ⇒ ***Set up some special school projects.***
- ⇒ ***Replace all NHW 3193 signs in 3193.***
- ⇒ ***Host a Scams Revisited forum later this year.***
- ⇒ ***Host another "Coffee with the Cops".***
- ⇒ ***Host our first NHW 3193 President's Fundraising Dinner.***

If you are a resident of 3193, we would ask you to join us as a Member. It's free but shows your enthusiasm for our suburb. Volunteering is optional. Email us on [nhw3193.com.au](mailto:nhw3193.com.au) for a Membership Form.

Kind Regards  
Philip Lovel AM  
President, Neighbourhood Watch 3193



## A message from our Mayor Cr Laurie Evans



Mayor Cr Laurence Evans OAM

We've been busy at Council working on numerous capital projects and engaging with our community on a variety of issues.

A big project we've been talking to the community about is our bin collection schedule. From 01 July 2022, we're switching the frequency of bin collections for general waste and food and green waste. This will affect everyone using Council's kerbside waste services.

Switching frequency will help address concerns of smelly food in the food and green waste bins and is a tangible action we can all take to reduce our impact on the environment and act on the climate emergency. Many local government areas will be making this change and I'm proud Bayside is leading the way.

We recently completed Bayside's first dedicated all abilities playground at Thomas Street. The state-of-the-art playground offers something for everyone: a splash play area with water spitting dragons, wheelchair trampolines, an accessible flying fox, a seniors exercise area and even a DJ booth. It's an extraordinary play space and something the whole community can enjoy. A place where all can play.

While we continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19, we must continue to maintain COVID-safe behaviours to remain safe and stay open.

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. You are an amazing group.

Mayor Cr Laurence Evans OAM

# BEWARE OF SCAMS

**They just keep coming and they are getting cleverer**

In 2019, NHW 3193 held three SCAM AWARENESS FORUMS. Over 500 residents attended. We are intending to run another SCAMS REVISITED FORUM later this year. The fact is that the scammers are getting smarter and we are still falling for them.

***Don't let scams sneak under your radar! Always be alert, never trust..... How sad is that, but it's true!***

***Please remember the golden rule - don't click on any link on your computer or phone or give out personal details unless you are 100% sure you know who it is from. Don't believe that a well known logo - for example PayPal, Australia Post, Amazon etc, is genuine. They may well be fakes***

## Some examples - there are dozens - They mostly follow the same pattern



Fake 'Australia Post' emails claiming you have a package waiting. The link takes you to an 'interactive parcel management system' which claims the package label is damaged and asks for your personal and financial details. This is a scam. **Delete these emails.**



Fake EBAY message tells you that you have just purchased something and if this is in error to click on the link.

**Again this is fake - delete.**



Fake PayPal email or text message saying you've sent a payment or made a transaction and to call the number in the message if this wasn't you.

**Do not call the number and delete.**  
message



Fake message regarding COVID-19 vaccinations symptoms or the safety line giving you a link in your area.

**All fakes. Don't be misled into clicking on the link.**

## Fake parcel delivery scam

***Somehow scammers seem to know when to catch you off guard.*** For example if you are expecting a parcel and you receive a message that your delivery is coming - you are probably not on your guard. This is the danger moment....The email or text asks you to provide personal details. You innocently do so and bingo, you are scammed! Australia Post would NOT do that. ***Always be on your guard.***

## Hotel scam - here is creativity plus!

Typically, at a hotel you give your credit card as security. A scammer calls the hotel and asks to be connected to, say, room 2500. Lets assume it's your room number. This is totally random. The phone rings in your room and the caller pretends to be from the front desk and explains there is an error with your credit card. He/she then asks you to repeat the numbers including the three digit number on the reverse. Believe it or not, this scam has happened. Again, don't be so trusting. Go down to the front desk if that ever happens to you!

***Scams are many and various but they all aim to go under your radar. The message again is always be on guard, never trust and never click on any links or give personal details unless you are 100% sure the sender is genuine.***

**Watch out for our Scams Revisited Forum -  
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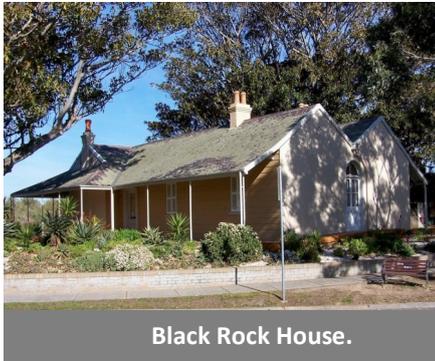
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## More vandalism at Black Rock House

Black Rock House was again subjected to more vandalism in early July. Just days before their recent Open Day, the house was tagged and defaced yet again by vandals. Bayside Council own the building and due to the efficient and speedy response from Councils graffiti officer, Leanne Johnson and their contractor, CityWide, the graffiti was quickly removed. Well done Leanne.



Black Rock House.



Some of the graffiti tags painted on the house in July.

The issue of vandalism at this much loved and iconic property has been mentioned in this newsletter before. The building has been subjected to at least two graffiti incidents - even the beautiful Morton Bay Fig trees were scratched with a knife and also graffitied. There have been several suspected burglaries, the roof has been trampled over with tiles broken, and the neighbours have complained about "coarse behaviour" in the grounds... Council has so far not installed CCTV but increased Police patrols have been requested.

NHW 3193 has been advised by Council Officers that whilst CCTV inside the house is a possibility, it is against Council Policy to cover the grounds as they are a public place. We would ask this policy be reviewed given there clearly is a problem with vandalism and behaviour in the grounds. This building and its trees are precious assets of our suburb and we feel every deterrent needs to be seriously considered.

The Friends of Black Rock House (FBRH) is understandably concerned and frustrated with all these issues. To assist, as an interim measure, NHW 3193 has loaned a security camera to FBRH to monitor the inside of the building.

**If you notice anything untoward going on around Black Rock House, call 000 and also report it to Bayside Council.**

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## Giant eucalypt tree dies – a sad loss for Beaumaris

**This magnificent grandfather tree was a Beaumaris landmark for decades and now it's gone! It is mourned by many and reasons why debated.**

It was heavily pruned by Bayside City Council last year but was in good condition thereafter until early 2021 when suddenly all foliage dried out, never to recover.



Sadly, this tree has gone

A planning permit was issued by Bayside Council for a redevelopment adjacent to the tree and this included conditions that a council arborist must be present to approve all excavations by the builder in the tree root protection zone and a fence put up to surround the tree.

On enquiry, Council Officers advised that two fines each of \$1,652 had been issued for failure to observe Council's conditions.

It may be that the tree was in the final phase of its life anyway, and the redevelopment may have had nothing to do with its demise.

However, we feel this is not the point. It appears local laws were not observed and these are put in place to protect our vegetation amongst other things. Surely penalties for failure to observe Council permit conditions need to be more appropriate.

**A fine of \$25,000 applies for unlawful destruction of vegetation on the clifftop on Beach Road Reserve. This is clearly a significant deterrent. We question whether penalty of \$1652 for local law breaches is sufficient?**

**The current Local Law review is timely for this to be considered**

## 7 out of 10 cars are stolen with their own keys

Leaving your keys in plain sight when you get home makes it easy for thieves to steal your car. Opportunistic thieves look for keys left lying near an open door in plain sight.

Most cars are stolen parked in the street in front of the resident's home, and are most likely stolen between 6pm and midnight on a Thursday or Friday night. So the simple message is, lock your car, lock your doors at home and keep your car keys out of sight.



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**Every 12 minutes** an Australian dies from a heart attack, stroke or blood vessel disease.

They are pretty confronting statistics, and perhaps even more alarming is that most heart attacks and strokes are preventable.

The good news is, prevention is better than cure, and an annual Heart Health Check could save your life. **Literally.**

The Heart Foundation of Australia recommends Aussie's over 45 years of age have a Heart Health Check every 12 months.

### So what is a Heart Health Check?

A Heart Health Check is a simple, straightforward 30-minute appointment with a GP to investigate any potential risk of cardiovascular disease by discussing your family history and reviewing things like your diet, smoking and alcohol consumption. This will help you understand your risk and what steps you can take to reduce it.

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by Dr Michael Aizen  
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## NOT SO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

Most dog owners are considerate but there are exceptions. If you are one of the inconsiderate ones, please lift your game!

Footpath littered with dog poo



Poo bags thrown in bushes



Often dogs will walk behind their owners and, as dogs do, stop to have a smell or in a lot of cases stop to have a poo. The owner walks on not realising what has happened and some unsuspecting person suddenly finds dog poo on their shoes.

This was highlighted in the Herald Sun May 28th 2021 "Dirty Play Dogs Us" story about off lead parks and the plight of junior football players and dog poo.

Another anti-social behaviour is to throw the poo bag in the bushes. We noticed a UTE with a note pleading to dog owners NOT to throw the bag in the back of his UTE. Please, find a council rubbish bin, not someone's personal bin.

**To all those irresponsible dog owners, think about your fellow 3193 residents.**



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**Council implementing local mural art project**

Bayside Council is implementing a unique anti-graffiti art project in Bayside to paint murals on traffic control boxes, electricity poles, toilet blocks, etc. This is funded by the State Government and is an extension of the murals commenced by NHW 3193 and others.

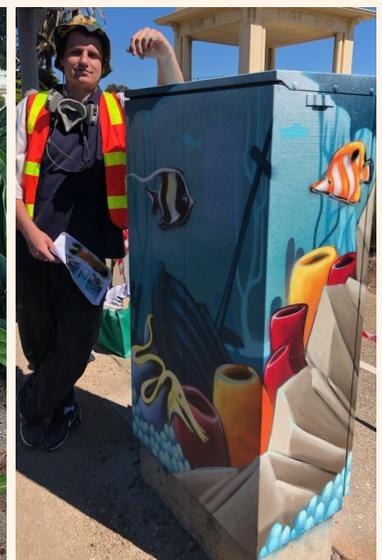
Local artists are being commissioned and Community responses have been received.

A panel to assess the designs has been selected and we are pleased to advise that NHW 3193's Vice President, Geoff Bransbury, is one of the four panel members.

Sites selected by Council include several traffic boxes in Black Rock and Beaumaris



Artist Daria Andrews



Artist Ash Hoar

Sandringham Street Art has commissioned artworks on several traffic boxes. These mural are an improvement on the grubby graffitied boxes we see everywhere.



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## Coffee with the Mayor

"Coffee with the Cops" has become a popular event that Neighbourhood Watch 3193 holds several times a year. It enables our residents to meet our local Police and ask questions in a casual environment.

We recently extended this concept to "Coffee with the Mayor". It was held at Black Rock House in May 2021.



35 residents attended. President Philip Lovel opened the session with a Q & A session on the Bayside Council, structure and makeup. Did you know there are 107,541 residents in Bayside as at 2020, and in 3193 there are over 9500 residential addresses.

Carolyn Brown, President of Black Rock House gave a brief talk about the house and its history including the famous ghost.....

Cr Laurie Evans circulated and chatted to the residents. It's a useful two-way meeting for both the Mayor and the residents.

Philip Lovel said Cr Evans is a terrific listener and is receptive to all sorts of community views.

We plan to have another session later this year.  
**We hope to see you there!**



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