



Neighbourhood watch



NEWSLETTER No. 1

Y.8 & 9 - Ringwood

Dear Resident,

Welcome to Neighbourhood Watch. We hope that you fully participate in this scheme as it is a community-based crime prevention programme aimed at minimising the incidents of preventable crime. The success of a Watch programme depends entirely on two commitments:

- (i) Co-operation between residents and the Police.
- (ii) Co-operation between the residents themselves.

The objects of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- 1. To minimise the incidence of PREVENTABLE CRIME.
- 2. To increase the incidence of REPORTING OF CRIME.
- 3. To improve the QUALITY OF INFORMATION & SUPPORT.
- 4. To improve the degree of personal and household SECURITY.
- 5. To reduce the FEAR OF CRIME.
- 6. To DETER criminal activity.

As the programme expands, we, the Police, will be passing on information such as suspect vehicles seen in the area, description of offenders, crime patterns and in return we hope that you, the residents, will watch your area and report anything at all that looks suspicious.

In regards to personal and household security, as the programme expands we will be holding a Home Security Meeting involving a lecture and film from the C.I.B. Crime Prevention Bureau followed by displays from selected private persons and companies in the home security industry. I stress that this night is NOT a hard-sell night but an information exchange night.

The Watch area is bounded by Maroondah Highway, Wonga Road/Warrandyte Road and Oban Road. The area is further divided into two smaller areas with the Ringwood Council Depot, Eastern boundary of Mullum Reserve and Fyfe Avenue being the dividing line. Y.8 is to the west of this line and Y.9 to the east.

Your Police contact will be Sergeant Trevor PARKS and Sen. Const. Daryl DAVEY of the Ringwood Police Station and can be contacted on 870-7137 or 870-6377.

Zone leaders have been appointed for most of the house zones and they will soon be visiting you and introducing themselves. Some of the zones comprise over 30 houses and your Leader at some stage may need a hand. If he asks or you feel like assisting, please DO NOT hesitate to come forward.

The Watch area is still short of volunteers for the following zones:

- Y.9 Zone 9 - Oban Road/Mullum Road.
- Zone 17 - Nestan Drive/Fran Court
- Zone 24 - Sonia Street.

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Y.8 Gordon SANDMAN has this well in hand.

Unfortunately if we are unable to get volunteers for these areas, the programmes and its success may be in jeopardy. The residents to contact are:-

- Duel Area Co-Ordinator: Donald J. LLOYD, 870-2900
2 Alma Court, Ringwood
- Area Co-Ordinator Y.8: Gordon SANDMAN, 870-5150
7 Bardia Street, Ringwood
- Area Co-Ordinator Y.9: Bruce A. FUHRER, 870-3405
25 Sunhill Avenue, Ringwood

All participating households will receive a plastic gate plaque (similar in size to the Safety House Plaque), bumper bar stickers, property identification warning stickers, zone leader information cards as well as the monthly newsletter like this. The Watch area will be required to purchase a number of Neighbourhood Watch street signs (similar in size to 60 km.p.h. speed signs and a number of vibro-engravers for property identification. Other Watch areas in the Eastern Suburbs have asked residents to contribute \$1.00 to \$2.00 per household to financially establish the area as each programme requires about \$700.00 to \$800.00 per Watch area to purchase the equipment.

So please kick in and make the scheme a success.

February Crime Statistics for your area:

- BURGLARY:
 - Daylight - Georges Road
 - Daylight - Warrandyte Road
 - Overnight - Warrandyte Road (Commercial premises)
- THEFT FROM MOTOR CARS:
 - Overnight - Maroondah Highway (5)
 - B/W Dates overnight - Warrandyte
- MINOR ASSAULT:
 - - Byron Street.
- PROPERTY DAMAGE:
 - Overnight - Warrandyte Road.
- WILFUL OBSCENE EXPOSURE:
 - Daylight - Suda Avenue (Offender decamped).


If you can assist the Police in their enquiries, please contact Sergeant PARKS or Sen. Const. DAVIES at Ringwood or myself at Nunawading Crime Car Squad.

Remember, help us to help you.

DON'T FORGET the Zone Leaders Committee Meeting to be held at the Mullum Primary School, Panfield Ave, Ringwood on MONDAY 4th March, 1985 commencing 7.30 p.m.

This is an important meeting as Sub-Committees for Finance, Publicity and Information, Operation Identification and Street Signs are to be formed.

Whilst on the matter of the above meeting, a Minute Secretary is required to assist with this and monthly meeting. If you can help, please ring Don LLOYD on 870-2900.


R.H. SIMPSON,
Sergeant 11819.

Nunawading Crime Car Squad,
Police Co-ordinator



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Areas Y8 and Y9 Ringwood.

2nd April 1985

Dear Resident

REPORT MEETING HELD 4th MARCH 1985.

It was very pleasing to see the excellent attendance of zone leaders and interested residents at this meeting.

During the evening, committee members were appointed to the four sub-committees that will be responsible for the smooth establishment and operation of the Neighbourhood Watch programme.

The sub-committees are:

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| 1. Publicity and Information | 3. Street signs |
| 2. Finance. | 4. Operation Identification |

Your zone leader has a list of the committee members on each committee.

FUNDING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAMME.

Although a large proportion of the costs involved in establishing and operating the Neighbourhood Watch programme is met by various sponsors, residents will be asked to make a ONCE ONLY donation of \$2.00 per household to help cover the cost of the Neighbourhood Watch street signs and the engravers to be used as a part of "Operation Identification".

Your zone leader will contact you in the near future asking you for your donation. Your financial support is essential to the success of the Neighbourhood Watch programme.

NOTE: All zone leaders and zone assistants have been issued with a SIGNED LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION BY Victoria Police. Please ask to see this identification if you wish.

ERECTION OF STREET SIGNS.

Approval has been granted by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria to erect Neighbourhood Watch street signs on existing power poles in the Y8 and Y9 Areas, provided certain conditions are met. This will substantially reduce the cost of erecting street signs in the area. Our thanks to the SEC for their co-operation on this matter.

Russell Danielson, Engineer from the City of Ringwood is currently preparing a report for the Council on the proposal for the erection of the street signs by council staff.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Four volunteers are urgently needed in the Mullum Road - Turnbull Court area. Please contact Area 8 co-ordinator, Gordon Sandman, Ph: 870 5150 if you can help out.

CRIME REPORT

During the month the following crime has occurred:-

1. Several businesses were broken into along the Marcondah Highway. A car was stolen from one of these premises - the offender has been arrested and charged.
2. The much publicised brawl at the Club Hotel resulted in twenty arrests for drunk and disorderly and similar offences. Police do not foresee any problems in this regard as the circumstances surrounding the incident were exceptional.
3. A steam vacuum cleaner was stolen from an open garage at 5 Junction Street. You are reminded to ensure that garages and the like as well as your house are locked when unattended.
4. The Kevin Pratt Pavilion was broken into on the 4th of March but the security system scared off the offender - nothing was stolen.
5. Norwood Primary School had several windows broken sometime between the 1st and 4th of March.
6. Jewellery valued at \$400 was stolen from 18 Larrissa Avenue during daylight on the 18th of March. The offender gained entry by removing louvres from the toilet window.
7. A motor bike helmet valued at \$100 was stolen from 7 Eve Court on the 26th of March.
8. A C.I.B. raid on the 21st of March resulted in the recovery of various electrical goods believed stolen from houses in the Ringwood area. Anyone missing any electrical or similar type items whether the theft has been reported or not are welcome to check with the Ringwood C.I.B. in case this property has been recovered.



SIGNS

Following on the agreement of both the SEC and the Council, Ron Sloan liaised with the Deputy City Engineer for the erection of ten signs, subject to the conditions imposed. Some adjustment to positioning was made.

AREA CO-ORDINATORS CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE, 4 JULY

Y8 and Y9 were represented by Gordon Sandman and Sue Hepburn, respectively. Items discussed included ... Crime Rate: over the past 10 months, down 16.4% for all NW areas. Sponsor: Commercial Union Insurance to continue the sole role for a further two years, with support from two others. Sgt. Stooke appeal: agreed that all Areas give official support. NW Policy: Suggested that there be autonomy for NW Areas, that Finance Committees arrange for an annual audit, and there be a State Committee, meeting in February, June and November of each year.

WANTED!

- ° In vicinity of Suda Avenue, a Zone Leader and Assistant (Y8)
- ° A volunteer from each of Y8 and Y9 willing to attend three State Committee meetings annually.
- ° A person to handle publicity, i.e. mainly this monthly Newsletter.

LOGOS

Display rate is only around one in three. To provide full effect an improvement is needed. If you need a replacement, telephone 870 5150 (Gordon Sandman).

PUBLICITY

The "Ringwood Mail" featured Y8 and Y9 as part of its program of publicizing NW, per courtesy of Roth Jones.

IDENTIFICATION:

The slow movement of marking tools continues to be a concern. Your Zone Leader will assist, if requested.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Now the second MONDAY - changed to suit a number of other arrangements.

CRIME INCIDENCE

A summary only of a rather comprehensive list for the month of July in Y8/Y9:

BURGLARIES: Three houses and two commercial properties, entry through windows being the favoured method. Cash, jewellery and other personal items the main target. Localities were Maroondah Highway, Sonia Street, Mullum Road and Berea Court.

CARS: two stolen from Etheridge Ford, later recovered.

THEFTS FROM CARS: three instances involving commercial premises in Maroondah Highway and Oban Road, one from a car in Turnbull Court, resulting in one detection and charges being laid.

BICYCLES: two stolen from a carport in Sonia Street.



ont.) TRAILER: stolen from the Vicarage, Warrandyte Road.

- OTHER: - items stolen from commercial premises in Warrandyte Road and suspected \$4,000 cash theft from a Ringwood address.
- youth charged with theft of a bicycle (from Sonia Street) but same bicycle stolen again!
 - wilful damage to a letter box, Oban Road.
 - criminal damage to Leader Newspaper office, Maroondah Highway, by pushing burning plastic through letter opening in a door. Passing motorist alerted Fire Brigade.
 - person charged with burglary and offences relating to a credit card from same Paxton Street address as the offender.

OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY ACT - AMENDING WRONGS ACT

A number of residents would have seen an article printed in the Sun newspaper during May entitled "Burglars can Sue". This article was quoting Mr Allan Nicoll, the Legal Aid Commission's Education and Information Officer.

Mr Nicoll based his statement on the Occupiers' Liability Act which amended the Wrongs Act and was proclaimed on 1 July 1984. The Act is meant to protect tradespeople, such as meter readers, guests and visitors who may be injured whilst on your property. It is understood that, prior to this amendment, trespassers were excluded from this protection, but under the new act, no one is excluded. Therefore, on the face of it, it appears that trespassers have the same right to sue for injury as persons on lawful business.

However, on reading the legislation, it can be seen that the court must consider certain matters when determining whether the occupier's duty of care has been discharged.

The relevant section states:

14B(3) an occupier of premises owes a duty to take such care as in all the circumstances of the case is reasonable to see that any person on the premises will not be injured or damaged by reason of the state of the premises or of things done or omitted to be done in relation to the state of the premises.

14B(4) Without restricting the generality of sub-section (3), in determining whether the duty of care under sub-section (3) has been discharged, consideration shall be given to -

- (a) the gravity and likelihood of the probable injury;
- (b) the circumstances of the entry onto the premises;
- (c) the nature of the premises;
- (d) the knowledge which the occupier has or ought to have of the likelihood of persons or property being on the premises;
- (e) the age of the person entering the premises;
- (f) the ability of the person entering the premises to appreciate the danger;
- (g) the burden on the occupier of eliminating the danger or protecting the person entering the premises from the danger as compared to the risk of danger to the person.

We can see from the matters in the section which the court must take into consideration that trespassers would generally have difficulty in succeeding with any action.

In any event, it is suggested that residents ensure that their property insurance includes an adequate liability cover.

(Compiled by Derek McCombe)



Neighbourhood watch

NEWSLETTER



No. 9

AREAS Y8 AND Y9 - RINGWOOD

NOVEMBER 1985

1. COMPILATION/EDITING OF NEWSLETTER ... as previously mentioned, this is now being undertaken by Tony Wibrow (tele:- 870 6330).
2. SUMMARY OF CRIME REPORTS TO RINGWOOD POLICE FOR AREAS Y8 AND Y9 DURING OCTOBER, 1985:

Burglaries: Business premises at 415 Maroondah Highway (SUNLINER) evening of 15/16 October by cutting lock on rear door. Tools to the value of \$2,380 stolen.

Private dwelling at 6 Oliver Street during the evening of 16 October. Forced rear door entry. Jewellery valued at \$2,000 taken.

Units 1/50 and 4/50 Warrandyte Road on evening of 18 October. Entry in both cases by jemmy to rear doors. \$5 cash stolen from Unit 4. Nil stolen from Unit 1.

Private dwelling 26 Rupert Street on afternoon of 28/10. Entry via open window. \$240 cash stolen.

Private dwelling at 3 Glencairn Ave. between 5.30 pm. 29/10 and 6.15 pm. 31/10. Entry by forcing front side door. Nil stolen.

Theft: A briefcase and contents valued at \$52 and a purse containing \$110 were stolen between 3.45 pm. and 4.45 pm. from the foyer of Ringwood Library whilst owners were in the Library.

A cover (valued at \$100) to suit a Ford XE sedan was stolen from 27 Oban Road overnight on 10/10 - 11/10.

Theft of Motor Car: A HQ Holden Sedan was stolen from outside 77 Sonia Street on 10/10-11/10.

Theft from Motor Car: A car parked outside 18 Mullum Rd. overnight(19/10-20/10), was entered following breakage of the nearside vent window. A torch and plastic wallet to the value of \$70 was stolen.

A similar method to gain entry was employed on a car parked in Glencairn Ave. between 7 am. 18/10 and 6.15 pm. 20/10. Two car speakers valued at \$125 were stolen.

Wilful damage: Stoves were thrown through two windows of a house at 30 Mullum Road at about 1 am. on 5/10. Damage to windows about \$100.

3. HOME BURGLARIES (GENERAL):

At the beginning of October, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Inspector Michael Friend, reported that Victoria had recorded its 13th consecutive monthly reduction in burglaries. He added that almost 8,000 fewer homes were robbed in the 13 months since September 1984.

4. INAUGURAL MEETING OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DELEGATES:

On 21 November, an inaugural meeting of Neighbourhood Watch delegates will be held at the Hilton Ballroom in East Melbourne. At this meeting, areas Y8 and Y9 will be represented by Gordon Sandman and Francis van Ryswyk respectively. Further information of interest regarding this meeting will be included in a later newsletter.

5. The next meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will need to address itself to the cost of running off the requisite number of copies of its monthly newsletter as a result of Ringwood City Council's need to recoup some of its cost in the printing of these copies.



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NO. 14.

AREAS Y8 AND Y9-RINGWOOD.

APRIL 1986.

SUMMARY OF CRIME REPORTS TO RINGWOOD POLICE FOR AREAS Y8 AND Y9 DURING
APRIL, 1986.

1. HOUSE NUMBERS: A recent survey indicated that some properties are without house numbers. Would residents in this category please ensure that numbers are displayed on property entrances as soon as possible.
2. OLIVER STREET PARKING: Many vehicles are being parked overnight in this street with a resulting large number of them being stolen. Owners are responsible for the safety of their vehicles and a realistic check of them is essential, together with any remedial action to prevent these thefts.
3. AREAS Y8 & Y9: There has been a spate of lawnmower thefts in both Y8 and Y9 lately. Particular care and watchfulness is needed.
4. MULLUM CREEK TRACK: It has been suggested that Council might be approached on the matter of lighting for the track adjacent to Mullum Creek from Oliver Street to the commencement of the industrial area. For discussion at the next meeting.
5. MEETING ATTENDANCES: Area co-ordinators have requested larger attendances from zone leaders and assistants for future meetings. Would those in these categories please try to give effort to this request.
6. POLICE REPORT: Up until the 24th. April, 1986:
 - Y8. BURGLARY: House in Reserve Rd entered via unlocked rear door bet. 0730hrs 10/4 and 0730hrs 11/4. Radio cassette and games stolen, \$139.

Attempted burglary committed at 9 Oliver Street bet. 1030hrs and 1930hrs 12/4. Unsuccessful attempt made to force side window with screwdriver.

Flat in Junction St. entered via forcing rear window bet. 0830hrs and 1720hrs 18/4. Property to value of \$4,250 stolen.
 - THEFT OF M/CAR: Torana sedan stolen from Mullum Rd bet. 1400 hrs & 1430hrs 13/4. Recovered in Croydon, and Croydon Police interviewing possible offender.

1971 Holden Sedan stolen from Oliver St. bet. 1925hrs. & 1045hrs. 12/4. Vehicle later recovered in Ronald Street, 12/4.
 - THEFT FROM M/CAR: One tyre stolen from vehicle parked O/S 28 Georges Rd bet. 1230hrs 24/4 and 1000hrs. 25/4. Value \$100.

Y9. BURGLARY: Open under-house storage area of premises in Sonia Street entered bet. 2000hrs 18/4 and 1930hrs 21/4. Kreepy Krawley pool cleaner stolen \$490.

Norwood High School was entered by forcing a door bet. 1700hrs and 1800hrs on 24/4. N/K what stolen at this stage.

THEFT: A handbag and contents were stolen from a house in Glencairn Ave bet. 1800hrs 2/4 and 0730hrs. 3/4. Value \$150.

THEFT OF M/CAR: Holden Torana sed stolen from cnr. Mullum Rd and Hugh St. between 1930hrs & 2150hrs 2/4. (16 yr. old male arrested).

67 Holden sedan valued at \$1,000 stolen from Sonia St. bet 2045hrs 12/4 and 0430hrs 13/4.

THEFT FROM M/CAR: Purse and contents valued at \$60 taken from unlocked car in Graeme Ave bet. 1845hrs 15/4 & 2000hrs 16/4.

\$3.00 in coins stolen from car parked in Graeme Ave bet 1730hrs 20/4 & 1900hrs 20/4. Method of entry N/K.

Policemans Identity Certificate and Drivers Licence stolen from car parked in Jeffrey Drive bet. 1730hrs & 2230hrs 20/4. Entry N/K.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Damage was caused to the footbridge at the end of Glencairn Ave when it was set alight at about 9.40pm. on 2/4.

7. LOSS AND RECOVERY OF MONEY: A considerable sum of money was misplaced as a result of a purse being left on the bonnet of a car whilst being driven out of a driveway in Wonga Rd. The purse was located by a lad who was walking close to the house and was handed in to the Ringwood Police Station. The honesty of the lad in question showed a community mindedness of the highest order and N.W. is glad to record such actions.

8. NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday June 10th. commencing at 7.30p.m. at Mullum Primary School.

1. SUMMARY OF CRIME REPORTS TO RINGWOOD POLICE FOR AREAS Y8 AND Y9 DURING MAY, 1986:

Y8.

BURGLARY:

4/30 JUNCTION STREET, RINGWOOD WAS ENTERED BETWEEN 8.30 a.m. AND 5.45 p.m. on 1/5/86. Entry was gained by forcing bedroom window, \$40 cash stolen.

1/70 WARRANDYTE ROAD, RINGWOOD WAS ENTERED BETWEEN 7.00 p.m. 7/5/86 AND 10.30 p.m., 8/5/86. Entry gained by forcing sliding rear door. Nil stolen.

THEFT OF
MOTOR CAR:

1976 YELLOW GALANT SEDAN stolen from outside 22 MULLUM ROAD between 10.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. 19/5/86.

WILFUL
DAMAGE:

Upper panel of front door at Ringwood Library was smashed by a beer bottle on the night of 9/5/86 - 10/5/86.

Y9.

THEFT OF
MOTOR CAR:

1971 BLUE HOLDEN SEDAN stolen from outside 70 MULLUM ROAD between 3.30 p.m. 3/5/86 and 9.00 a.m. 8/5/86.

2. RETURN OF
ENGRAVERS:

Would those members still holding engravers, please return them to their zone leaders as soon as possible.

3. N.W. SIGNS:

A letter was despatched on May 20th. to Ringwood City Council for the supply of a further 8 N.W. signs in the Mullum Creek, Warrandyte Road and Oban Road areas.

4. BURGLARY
REDUCTION:

Areas Y8 and Y9 are now in the 19th. consecutive month of burglary reduction.

5. CRIMES
COMPENSATION:

It may not be common knowledge, but a tribunal exists to consider claims for compensation to crime victims. The claim process is not complicated and further information/application forms can be obtained from the:

CRIMES COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL,
471 LITTLE BOURKE STREET,
MELBOURNE. 3000. (Tele: 606-9111)

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6. NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Will be held at:
MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PANFIELD AVENUE,
RINGWOOD. 3134 on
MONDAY JULY 14TH. at 7.30 p.m.



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NO. 26

AREAS Y8 and Y9

RINGWOOD JUNE 1987.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY: ETHERIDGE FORD, MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.

During the month of May 1987, the following crime has been reported

- BURGLARY: Y8 A flat in Warrandyte Road was broken into bet. 9.15am and 6.50pm on 22/5. A video recorder and \$150 was taken. Entry gained through open toilet window.
- Y9 A breaking committed on Ringwood Poultry in Maroondah Highway on 7/5 netted thieves \$300 worth of assorted soft drinks and confectionery.
- Y9 A house in Panfield Ave was broken into bet. 6pm on 11/5 and 12 noon 12/5. Nothing was stolen.
- THEFT FROM MOTOR CAR: Y8 A ford Capri left in Oliver Street overnight on 16/5 was broken into and a steering wheel taken.
- Y8 A commodore left in a driveway in Rupert Street was broken into by unknown means bet. 11.55pm on 24/5 and 7am on 25/5. An Olympus camera was stolen.
- Y9 A Pioneer Radio Cassette deck was stolen from a Holden Gemini parked in a car yard in Oban Road on 4/5.
- Y9 A Holden Utility was left locked in Jennifer Court overnight on 8/5 when it was broken into by unknown means and a bank book was stolen.
- THEFT: Y9 Four Peach Face Love birds were stolen from a house in Golden Grove bet. 2pm 27/4 and 4.45pm on 28/4. Removed from Aviary.
- Y9 A bicycle which was left at the side of a house in Jeffrey Drive was stolen bet 7pm on 24/5 and 4pm 25/5.
- WILFUL DAMAGE: Y9 A rock was thrown through a window in Mullum Road at 1am on 10/5. Damage valued \$150.
- Y9 A Magna sedan was damaged in Mullum Road at 11.45pm on 9/5 by means of using a letter box and hitting car with same.
- Y9 Another rock was thrown through a window in Mullum Road at 2.15am on 10/5 causing \$300 damage.
- WILFUL AND OBSCENE EXPOSURE: Y9 At 3.35pm on 23/5 a male exposed himself in vicinity of a portable classroom at Norwood High School. Description: 19-20 years. 178cm, short light brown hair, olive complexion and medium build. Wearing only a yellow T-shirt with turquoise hoops around it.
- Y8 During the month of May two armed robberies were committed. For security reasons and peace of mind of members of the public details will not be given. Four persons have been charged in relation to these matters.

So much for the crime statistics. I thought I would let you know that Sergeant Olsen is no longer handling the Neighbourhood Watch Program. I have taken over as of May.



I have noticed a lack of telephone calls from members of the public in relation to matters occurring within their areas. Please ... if you see something untoward in your street especially in your neighbours premises, call us straight away. If you think someone is breaking into a house, write down a description of this person such as how old they look, what are they wearing, how tall are they and if they have gotten out of a car try to obtain a registration number or make of the car.

If a car is slowly driving up and down the street, don't think that it may be too trivial to involve the police. RING US STRAIGHT AWAY. A police car will attend.

I look forward to meeting you and if something is troubling you, you know where I can be found.

Angela RUST, Sergeant of Police, RINGWOOD.

Your Emergency Police Attendance number is 11444.

LADIES: Watch your handbags whilst shopping. On Tuesday 2nd. June, at Eastland, a male person bumped into a lady shopper and stole her handbag. Hold your handbag firmly at all times.

SECURITY ADVICE.

BASIC PRECAUTIONS.

1. Make your house look occupied at all times.
2. Keep it locked up securely.
3. Provide as many obstacles as possible to slow down entry to your premises, i.e. Gates, fences, doors, window guards, locks.
4. Keep a good Neighbourhood Watch.

YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY.

1. Don't leave a key in your security door.
2. Don't open doors to strangers without proper identification.
3. Never admit you are alone.
4. Keep doors and windows secured at all times.
5. Avoid confronting an intruder. Go to a neighbour and phone the Police.

Last month, we issued a Questionnaire on Neighbourhood Watch. One of our Zone Leaders has 26 homes in his area. On calling at homes to pick up the Questionnaire, he noticed that 14 homes had open windows - keep windows secured at all times.

SECURITY SCREEN DOORS - ARE THEY UP TO STANDARD.

The criminal's favourite means of carrying out house burglaries is through the front or back door. It is convenient, quick and easy, for removal of large items such as TV's, furniture and the like, as well as jewellery, money etc. Faulty and poor quality doors and locks are an open invitation for your home to be ransacked.

Neighbourhood Watch and the Police strongly recommend the installation of sound locks supplemented with top quality security screen doors. Screen doors which carry the Standards Association of Australia's number (AS 2303) should be the only ones worth considering. They have been fully tested and approved. A genuine security screen door, properly fitted, acts as a guard when you are asleep or away, allows you to leave open external doors with safety and means that no one can gain entrance without your permission. You are also able to talk to strangers without letting them in.

WATCH OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR NEW FORDS AND USED CARS TOO!

We commend the Neighbourhood Watch programme to everybody; to be a part of it is both sensible and responsible - as it is to see us when

you're in the market for a new Ford or any used car or commercial vehicle. We always do the right thing for every one of our customers.

Etheridge  **Ringwood**
241 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood. **870 5200**



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NO. 37

JUNE, 1988.

This Newsletter is funded by: ETHERIDGE FORD, 241 MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.

During the month of May, the following crime was reported:

- BURGLARY Y8 Between 8.30a.m. and 8.45a.m. on 3/5, unknown offender entered premises in Warrandyte Rd. through rear door and stole various items of jewellery and cash. Entry could have been denied with minimum of normal security.
- THEFT Y8 Between 6p.m. 30/4 and 8a.m. 1/5 unknown offender stole 8 assorted native shrubs and plants from Anglican Church in Warrandyte Road.
- VIOLENT CRIME Y8 Between 10/4 and 28/4 an anonymous person made threats to life of victim who resides in Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.
- WILFUL/OBSCENE EXPOSURE Y9 At 3.10p.m. on 18/5 a male approx. 30 years, 175cm, brown hair, medium complexion, medium build, dropped his trousers and exposed himself on Mullum Creek near Glencairn Avenue.

Although this did not occur in our area, a mother and daughter were attacked at the Warrandyte Rd and Tamar St Intersection whilst walking home from the Guide Hall at 9.40p.m. on 19/5. The attacker was a male, 177cm, with collar length blonde hair, slim build, caucasian. RINGWOOD POLICE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION.

Y8 and Y9. The month of May has seen crime within most areas of the city of Ringwood rise considerably which is a bit disheartening to most but allow me to reassure you that the arrest figures for the month of May have also risen considerably. This has been mainly due to the new initiatives of the Chief Superintendent in attacking crime within the Maroondah area and the dedicated work of an enterprising team operating from Ringwood Police Station under the command of Sergeant Laurie Hill of Ringwood and it is felt that this sudden spate of crime will quickly be brought under control through their initiatives and efforts.

If you feel that you have any information that may prove to be of assistance to Laurie and his team please get in touch with the Ringwood Police Station straight away and see if with your co-operation we can get the crime figures dropping again.

Planning for the Neighbourhood Watch Awareness Week is progressing well for the joint Ringwood effort. If you don't know what is happening I suggest you ask your areas co-ordinator or zone leader to find out and let you know.

Comparisons:	Y8	Y9
Total	3	Total 1
Residential Burgs.	1	Residential Burgs. Nil
May 1987	3	May 1987 9
May 1986	4	May 1986 1

IMPORTANT: WALLETS AND PURSES ARE BEING STOLEN FREQUENTLY IN THE SHOPPING CENTRES OF RINGWOOD. Many people have told me recently of friends who have lost purses whilst they have been shopping in the various shopping centres of Ringwood. Several reports of purses having been taken from handbags, or shopping trolleys have been made at Ringwood but nowhere near the amount that I have been told about unofficially. There appears to be someone or a group of people that are currently preying on the unwary or is it just that people are not paying enough attention to the security of their property in general.



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paying enough attention to the security of their property in general.

RINGWOOD DISTRICT GROUP - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AWARENESS WEEK.

On 11/5/88 a decision was made to hold static displays in Eastland Shopping Centre (lower floor) between Monday 1/8/88 and Saturday 6/8/88, Neighbourhood Watch Awareness Week.

Static displays will cover all aspects of N.W. activities with Y8/9 to look after Recruitment. Bill Ellis Y9, Zone 19 (879-1212) has agreed to act as Chairman of a Committee of 5 (2-Y8 and Y9) to co-ordinate our activities.

Bill needs helpers to attend our booth between 11am and 4pm Monday to Wednesday, 10am to 8pm Thursday and Friday and 10am to 3pm Saturday.

At the meeting on May 25th. further plans were discussed and enlarged upon. Ringwood Mayor will officially open the week's activities at 1pm on Monday 1st assisted by our local Parliamentarians.

Y District 19/5/88. Trivia??? 98% of rapes in Victoria occur in the victim's home - SECURE HOME???

Theft of/from motor cars costs each Victorian car owner \$70.00 per year in Insurance Premiums.

Did you read Chief Superintendent Braybrooks article Page 33, Ringwood Mail, May 25th on the Drug Trade Wave. It is interesting to note that a N.W. Area resident made a simple anonymous phone call to their local Police Station.

HINT OF THE MONTH: A local garbage collector recently attended an area meeting and pointed out a security risk many people ignore. He made the point that as a garbage collector he knows when any person in his area has purchased a new video recorder, television, microwave, computer etc. Why? Because we proudly display the empty boxes of our latest acquisition beside the garbage bin. It won't fit in the bin so where else could it go???

He suggest we either take the boxes to the tip ourselves or cut the cartons into small pieces and then place them into the garbage bin.

To have a lasting impression on crime, security must become part of our lifestyle and it must be something we think about even when doing something as basic as putting out the rubbish.

Maybe, this will answer the question for some people, "How did the crook know that I had just bought a video recorder."

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, 7.30P.M. MONDAY 11TH. JULY. ALL WELCOME.

WATCH OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR NEW FORDS AND USED CARS TOO!

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Y8 and Y9

September, 1988

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During August, the following crime was reported:

- BURGLARY:** Y8 Between 8am & 4.45pm on the 8/8, a house in Junction St was forcibly entered through forcing a window. A National VHS Video Recorder, Serial IS KL 00970 was stolen.
- Y8 Between 1.55pm & 1.58PM on 22/8, a house in Mullum Rd was forcibly entered through a kitchen window. Cash was stolen. Burglar aged 16 to 17, Olive complexion, jumped through window to escape 2 males.
- Y8 Between 3pm & 8.30pm on the 21/8 a house in Oliver St was entered through a window. Cash was stolen. Minimal security may have deterred entry.
- THEFT** Y8 Between 10.30pm on 19/8 & 11am on 20/8 a motor car was stolen from Oliver St residence. It was located in Warranwood LESS stereo speakers and bag containing wallet and cash.
- Y9 Between 6pm on 1/8 & 8am on 2/8, in Ronald St a car was forcibly entered and glove box was ransacked.
- Y9 Between 6pm & 8.30pm on 28/8, outside Assembly of God Church in Jeffrey Drive, a motor car was forcibly entered and a black brief case containing books, artist colours & personal papers was stolen. Never leave anything that a thief may consider is valuable in your motor car because it can easily be taken.
- Y9 Between 8pm on 23/8 & 8am on 24/8, outside a house in JenniferCrt, 2 spot lights, brand CIBEE were stolen from a landcruiser.
- WILFUL & OBSCENE EXPOSURE** Y9 Between 1pm & 1.05pm on 31/8, at rear of Panfield Ave shops, a male mid 20's, dark hair, medium build, exposed himself on the school oval to three young girls.
- WILFUL DAMAGE** Y8 Between 7pm on 20/8 & 8am on 21/8, in The Centreway, 2 tyres on a motor car were slashed.

COMPARATIVE CRIME LEVEL by Sergeant C.K.Coster - Churchill Fellow 1987.

Report on Tour of U.S.A.

Many people have asked, "Well how do we rate?" No doubt the question meant, "How do we stand up against the Americans, are we better than them?" Any answer obviously would be subjective, and besides, I don't think that's the critical question. The question I believe I should have been asked is, how do we rate when it comes to crime. Perhaps the reason I wasn't asked it is because everyone believes when it comes to crime, the Americans beat everyone. Unfortunately, that is not the reality. Whilst I was in Chicago I was invited to speak to a group of Beat Representatives, which is a role similar to Zone Leaders.

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I posed a question to them, it was "Which city do you think has the highest burglary level - Chicago, Los Angeles or Melbourne?" A little over half chose Los Angeles, the rest, with the exception of one, raised their hand for Chicago, the one that chose Melbourne was me. The fact is, Ladies and Gentlemen, that there is only one city in the United States that has a higher burglary rate than us, that is New York, and they don't beat us by much. So why is this, why is it that per head of population Australia has significantly higher burglary rate than the United States, after all they do beat us in every other crime category. It surprised me to find we fared so badly, but nowhere near as much as it surprised Americans. They believed that Australia was crime free and could only relate to one crime committee by an Australian, and that was a fairly famous case of theft committed in 1983 by one Mr. Alan Bond when he stole their 'Americas Cup'. The facts are that in 1985 Australia had a higher burglary rate per head of population 35.68% higher than the United States. Just five years earlier in 1980, the United States was 28.96% higher than Australia.

CITIZENS' ATTITUDE TO CRIME

I did pursue the question, "What was the factor that made America's burglary level so low in comparison to ours?" For the Police Officers, the answer was simple, they all put it down to the effect that Neighbourhood Watch has had. But I didn't think that was the total answer. I did get the opportunity to speak with many civilians involved and it was clear that they had a completely different attitude to crime compared with most Australians. The situation, in my view, has now reached the stage that when people leave their homes, they expect to be broken into and therefore it has become automatic for them to take the necessary precautions. People generally recognise and understand their role in crime prevention better than people do here. So the end result is that Neighbourhood Watch and associated burglary prevention programmes have simply become a part of everyday life. It never even makes the news to any degree. Compare that situation with us. Neighbourhood Watch is still very newsworthy and people don't have that same attitude, despite the fact that we have a much greater risk of being victims of burglary.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

The next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be held at Mullum Primary School at 7.30 p.m. Monday 10th October - ALL WELCOME.

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October, 1988.

YOUR ZONE LEADER IS

PHONE NO:

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY: DANDYDALE NURSERY, CNR. MT. DANDENONG AND OLD LILYDALE ROADS, RINGWOOD EAST. 3135.

DURING SEPTEMBER, THE FOLLOWING CRIME WAS REPORTED:

- INDECENT ASSAULT: Y8 Between 3.30 & 3.35pm on 16/9, a 15 year old girl was indecently assaulted at the Mullum Reserve, Mullum Mullum Rd. Attacker is a 31-35 year old male, possibly Italian, pimply face, fat, driving a dark blue falcon s/wagon.
- THEFT: Y9 Between 9pm on 29/8 and 4pm on 30/8, one white buddha 325cm high, red fingernails and toenails, was stolen from the front porch of a property in Bigola Street.
- DAMAGE: Y8 Between 5.30pm on 14/9 and 9am on 15/9 a letter box at a residential property in Junction St., Ringwood was smashed.
- Y9 Between 2am and 3am on 11/9 a letter box at a residential property in Panfield Ave was damaged-investigations are proceeding.
- Y9 Between 2am and 3am on 11/9, palings on the front fence of a house in Panfield Ave were kicked in-investigations are proceeding.
- Y9 Between 4.50 & 4.55am on 11/9, a window in a house in Panfield Ave was smashed-investigations are proceeding.
- Y9 Between 11.00 & 11.05 on 16/9 the letter box of a house in Bigola St was damaged.

Your Police emergency number is 11444. Please give your name if you require quick attendance.

Neighbourhood Watch is concerned about Street lighting in our area. If you wish to comment on street lighting in your locality, please complete the following

Street Lighting In	Ave is	Good
	St	Very Good
	Rd	Poor
		Very Poor.

In September's newsletter, Sergeant C.K. Coster, Churchill Fellow 1987 commented on his recent tour of the United States. There is only one city in the U.S. that has a higher burglary rate than Melbourne and that is New York. The following are further excerpts from Sergeant Coster's report.

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"CRIME PREVENTION: My first recommendation today is that all of you need to work on modifying the attitude of people in your zones. Please refuse to accept the comments I have seen of some people recently that suggest the Police are using crime statistics as a scare tactic in an effort to obtain greater powers and manpower. Even if that was the case, and I dispute it, what could possibly be achieved by this type of commentary. I have been astounded by the number of people from the academic field who have chosen to denigrate Neighbourhood Watch and play down the extent of the crime problem. Again I ask the question, what does it achieve, apart from people getting the impression that the situation is hopeless? You might as well leave your front doors open because Neighbourhood Watch doesn't work and the Police are trying to con you anyway. The statistics I speak of are a matter of public record. Don't accept my word for it, make your own enquiries, check the figures, write to the United States Department of Justice and get their figures and compare them with ours. I am please to be open to any level of public scrutiny on this issue. My belief is that you are having a con tried on you, you find out who the architects of the con are. If you leave here today and take nothing else with you, please accept my suggestion that it is your responsibility to make pople aware of the problem they are facing.

DIVERSIFICATION: Most Neighbourhood Watch programmes I studied spoke of the need to diversify the activities beyond crime alone. This seems to be a very important issue in maintaining interest. A National Crime Prevention Council study on maintaining Neighbourhood Watch programmes features a quote, "PROGRAMMES SHOULD FOCUS ON CRIME AND GENERAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PROBLEMS". The message is quite clear, that study, and many people I spoke with, said that while the crime issue may have convinced citizens to join, it is usually not enough to maintain interest. I have often said in the past that you must examine why people get involved with Neighbourhood Watch to start with. I gave three usual reasons, firstly a desire to liaise more closely with the local police; secondly, a desire to reduce crime; and thridly, a desire to improve their quality of life. The mistake I made was assuming that the improvement of quality of life was going to be achieved through crime reductions. Quite clearly the American experience is that people should be concerned with any issue that affects their neighbourhood, and that Neighbourhood Watch is an excellent forum for addressing any problems they have. One Police Officer in Los Angeles explained it this way. He said "If McDonalds only sold Big Macs, their impact on the fast food market had obvious limitations, but by diversifying their product range, they expand their impact and profits". By diversifying, your profits will be fewer crimes. I suggest to you that by encouraging people to use Neighbourhood Watch as a forum for solving any community problem while maintaining burglary prevention as your primary target, you will have a strong, vibrant Neighbourhood Watch programme and satisfy all three needs people have when they become a part of this programme".

THE NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 14TH, NOVEMBER - ALL WELCOME.

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Y8 & Y9

NOVEMBER, 1988.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY: ETHERIDGE FORD, 241 MARGONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD

The following crime has been reported:

THEFT: Y8 Between 9am and 6pm on 16/9, a blue Repco bicycle, 27 inch, 10 speed racer was stolen from the Norwood High School bike shed.

Y9 Between 6pm on 29/9 and 9am on the 30/9 a blue BMX Hotfoot bicycle was stolen from front garden of a house in Gilda Court.

BURGLARY: Y9 Between 5.30pm on the 20/10 and 7.45am on 21/10, a house in Wonga Road was entered possibly through the roof and a VHS Video recorder was stolen.

The attached newspaper clipping from the Sun Newspaper dated 22/10/88 is worthy of note. It has been revealed recently that more than 60% of all crime in Australia is not reported to police. If this is the case what is the percentage in the City of Ringwood.

This last month alone there has been asbate of theft of petrol from motor cars reported in the Heathmont area. If this is only 40% of the actual crime taking place we've got problems. There has been a surprising increase in thefts from residential garages and garden sheds in the city this month. Power tools and hand tools with surprising values are being stolen. Individual reports of more than \$2,000.00 are not unusual. Garages and sheds are very easy to get into and even if locked which most aren't they do not prove to be much of a challenge to the average thief. Garages and workshops are not alarmed either in the majority of cases.

Food for thought.

Christmas is coming-I wonder whose bicycle is going to become someones Christmas present this year.

HOME IS LESS AND LESS A HAVEN.

Good morning. Sadly, a lot of you in this lawless age will identify with the stories I am about to tell. Some as culprits. Most as victims.

We are being robbed and burgled and mugged with such impunity that it is a sick joke to say that "a man's home is his castle". Bulldust!

A man's home is a shop. A woman's home is not a citadel but a display case for TV, radio, jewellery, leather jacket and video thieves.

It is an epidemic of theft and only three things are certain: *You will almost certainly not get anything back. *Overworked police will not catch the culprit or culprits. *And the ones who are caught will get wrist-slappd by the courts. In fact, the crime rate in the suburbs, with drug addicts taking increasing daylight risks, is so high that a new dangerous, air of defeatism has permeated our society.

You know the community is not winning...You know Neighbourhood Watch is not winning... you know the police are not winning when people are so beaten they don't even report the thefts any more. If you think that an exaggeration, then let me give you an example from this week. I won't identify the victim except to say that she is an underpaid social worker who spends her life trying to make other people's lives better. She deals with abandoned kids, battered kids, foster families, drug-addicted mothers,



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you name it. She is a separated mum, raising a teenage son in sparse surroundings. She had her flat broken into this week-the fourth or fifth robbery in a couple of years. The thief or thieves got a \$100 TV set, a transistor radio and some speakers. "Not much else", she told me. "We haven't got much else." And no insurance either. "Can't afford it" Especially when the plague of robbers keeps pushing insurance rates into the stratosphere.

The thing that intrigued me-and the reason for this column-is that she didn't report it to the police.

"What's the point? They never catch them...and I can't afford time off from work filling in the forms."

I was about to remonstrate until I remembered a time recently when my wife's car was broken into. Window smashed...car conversion thwarted by a security system. I reported it...of sorts. Phoned St.Kilda police just to add another attempted car theft to their files but didn't follow up on the premise that "What's the point? They never catch them..." It's a dangerous attitude. An anti-police attitude. A defeatist attitude.

We have been robbed three times in the past three years. Not a record by any means. Not as much as the less-well-off social worker, trying to raise a teenage son alone, who gets deprived of a TV set, a radio and speakers. But there can hardly be a family in this city who has not had a house, flat or townhouse, violated in the past five years.

Footnote: A member of my staff had her apartment robbed, stripped, recently. Police actually caught the culprits. One of the thieves turned up in court-brazenly wearing the victim's clothes. What hope is there?

"POINTS ON SECURITY" Next Newsletter.

The next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be held on MONDAY, 12TH. DECEMBER, at Mullum Primary School at 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

SOME ALARMING CAR FIGURES!

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DECEMBER, 1988

YOUR ZONE LEADER IS:

telephone:

During November the following crime was reported:

Y8 Offence: Burglary
 Time 1: 0730
 Date 1: 21/11/88
 Time 2: 1800
 Date 2: 21/11/88
 Location: Oliver St
 Entry Point: Roof/Manhole
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: Residential
 Items Stolen: Watches & Bank Book
 Avoidable: No
 Comments: Nil

Y8 Offence: Damage
 Time 1: 2000
 Date 1: 25/11/88
 Time 2: 0810
 Date 2: 28/11/88
 Location: Warrandyte Rd, R'wood
 Entry Point: NA
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: Commercial
 Items Stolen: Nil
 Avoidable: No
 Comments: Window smashed/no entry gained/possible burglary attempt.

Y8 Offence: Burglary
 Time 1: 0830
 Date 1: 28/11/88
 Time 2: 1600
 Date 2: 28/11/88
 Location: Georges Rd
 Entry Point: Rear flywire screen
 Force Used: Very little
 Type of Premises: Residential
 Items Stolen: Nil
 Avoidable: Yes
 Comments: Items in house moved nearer window but nil actually stolen.

Y9 Offence: Theft of Motor Car
 Time 1: 2230
 Date 1: 8/11/88
 Time 2: 0600
 Date 2: 9/11/88
 Location: Jeffrey Dve, R'Wood
 Entry Point: NK
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: O/S Residential
 Items Stolen: Car since recovered - small toolkit stick on monkey & some cash
 Avoidable: No
 Comments: Nil.

Y8 Offence: Burglary
 Time 1: 2130
 Date 1: 16/11/88
 Time 2: 2300
 Date 2: 16/11/88
 Location: Warrandyte Rd, R'wood.
 Entry Point: Window
 Force Used: Minimal
 Type of Premises: Residential
 Items Stolen: Cash
 Avoidable: Yes
 Comments: Make sure all your windows are secured if you leave the house.

Y9 Offence: Theft from motor car
 Time 1: 2300
 Date 1: 8/11/88
 Time 2: 0600
 Date 2: 8/11/88
 Location: Jeffrey Drive
 Entry Point: NK
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: O/S Residential
 Items Stolen: Nil
 Avoidable: No
 Comments: Nil.



Y9 Offence: Theft from Motor Car
 Time 1: 0030
 Date 1: 9/11/88
 Time 2: 0630
 Date 2: 9/11/88
 Location: Jeffrey Drive
 Entry Point: Front drivers door
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: O/S Residential
 Items stolen: Cash & cheque book
 Avoidable: Yes
 Comments: Don't leave valuables in cars

Y0 Offence: Damage
 Time 1: 1900
 Date 1: 19/11/88
 Time 2: 1030
 Date 2: 20/11/88
 Location: Graeme Ave
 Entry Point: NA
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: Residential
 Items Stolen: Nil
 Avoidable: No
 Comments: Letter box damage

Y9 Offence: Theft from Motor Car
 Time 1: 0100
 Date 1: 6/11/88
 Time 2: 1000
 Date 2: 6/11/88
 Location: Mullum Road
 Entry Point: NK
 Force Used: Yes
 Type of Premises: O/S Residential
 Items Stolen: Road Star Cassette Player
 Avoidable: No.
 Comments: Nil

1st Meeting 1989 will be held on Monday 13th. February 1989 commencing at 7.30p.m.

The evening will be a reporting night when Co-ordinators and Zone Leaders will report to their residents on activities during the last year.

It is hoped that all residents will attend, allowing discussion on:

1. The role of N.H.W. (in full) in the area.

2. Their requirements in terms of information (Newsletters, other data etc.)
3. Further ways and/or methods of further reducing criminal activities in the area.
4. Problems existing in the area in relation to drug and child abuse.

This latter point allows me to introduce our Guest Speaker for the night, Senior Constable Gavin Bennett of Blackburn Community Police Squad, who will speak to us on Child abuse.

We look forward to meeting you all on that night.

DUAL CO-ORDINATORS MESSAGE. Firstly, I would like to say thankyou to our Zone Leaders who have continued to increase their regular attendance at monthly meetings. Secondly, I am very pleased that all Zone Leaders are beginning to take an active part in running this N.W.Area since it is your area and that is your responsibility. Thirdly, thankyou all for your work during the years past. I trust that all residents within each Zone recognise the work performed on their behalf by the Zone Leader. Next time your Zone Leader is delivering your newsletter invite him in for a cuppa or drink, and discuss with him your requirements in terms of N.H.W. Last, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are going away follow the fules about security of your house and property: 1. ensure the premises are fully secure; 2. your neighbours know you are away and who may call (vehicle registration number); 3. that your neighbours know how to contact you and have your blessing to report to the police any suspicious circumstances (visitors included who are not on the approved list); 4. that your local Police Station is also advised of your absence. By the way at the November meeting your Zone Leaders have virtually returned all Office Bearers for the next twelve months.

This current Newsletter will carry your Zone Leaders telephone number, the other telephone numbers you may wish to have are:

Dual Co-Ordinator R(Bob)L. Williams 870-6101
 Y8 Co-ordinator Remains vacant
 Y9 Co-ordinator Frank VanRyswyk 870-1294



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Y8 & Y9

MARCH 1989.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY: ETHERIDGE FORD, MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.

During January & February, 1989 the following crime was reported:

- THEFT:**
 - Y8 Between 8.45 and 11.15p.m. on 22/1 general items of clothing including a navy blue ladies top with flowers, white/navy top with flowers and a pair of blue jeans were stolen from a residential property in Junction St.
 - Y8 Between 7.30p.m. & midnight on 13/1 a wavelength fluorescent orange & navy wet suit was stolen from a residential property in Mullum Rd.
 - Y9 Between 8p.m. on 31/1 & 6a.m. on 1/2, a 1981 white Holden Utility was stolen from outside a residential property in Mullum Rd.
 - Y9 Between 8p.m. & midnight on 26/2, a Holden Sedan was stolen from outside a residential property in Larissa Ave.. The car was returned later in a damaged state.
 - Y9 Between 12.30a.m. & 11a.m. on 19/2, a brown timber letter box with bronze numerals 48 was stolen from a residential property in Sonia St.
- BURGLARY:**
 - Y9 Between 8.30a.m. & 10a.m. on 3/2, a Phillips colour TV/National video recorder and a billiard cue in a vinyl case were stolen from a residential property in Graeme Ave. Rear door had been forcibly opened.
- EXPOSURE:**
 - Y9 At approx. 1.05p.m. on 3/2, on Mullum Rd, near gate between two schools, a male in his 20's, 175cm tall, dark brown hair, tanned, exposed himself.
- RAPE UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT:**
 - Y8 At approx. 8.30p.m. on 27/1 under the Warrandyte Rd bridge, a young girl was taken under the bridge and raped. The offender who perpetrated this vicious crime, has been arrested and charged. One wonders how this hideous crime could be committed when the Library was open and late night shopping was going on.

YELLOW AND MAROON CORTINA WANTED BY POLICE: A Ford Cortina 1975 model or similar with yellow top and maroon bottom has been seen in the vicinity of burglaries in the Heathmont area. The driver was a male, 23 years old with blonde shoulder length hair said to be about 5'8" tall and of athletic build. If you see this car or know of where a similar car is, please advise the police at once as we are keen to speak to the driver. Don't try to talk to this person yourself. A car number would help enormously.

IMPERSONATION OF TELECOM EMPLOYEE: Midmorning on Thursday 2/2 1989 a man went to a house in Jeffrey Drive, Ringwood, produced identification with both a photograph and showing the Telecom Logo and said that he was a Telecom employee checking telephone lines and gained entry to the house. The householder was suspicious and rang telecom to check the validity of the person and found that he was in fact a fraud. Telecom Investigations are looking into the matter. The identity produced was false and was not in fact anything to do with Telecom.

The suspect was driving a white station wagon Commodore or similar and is described as medium height, 20-30 years, of Italian appearance wearing grey slacks and open necked shirt. It is not known why the person wanted access to the house.

Be careful of all persons that call on your home without being invited and if you are not sure of their identity or feel in the least bit uneasy, do not let them enter your home.

HOME MADE BOMBS: There have been reports on the media recently of home made bombs being found in the Ringwood area. To date there have only been two or three incidents reported to Ringwood Police and there was no damage or injury. The suspect for this incident was a male 14 to 15 years of age, 162.5 cms tall with fair curly hair. The incident occurred in the Hender Str, East Ringwood and the Heathmont area. Police at Ringwood have recently spoken to a suspect for this matter, and these incidents are now finished.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL: The residential burglary figures for 1988 were very impressive Chief Inspector PRITCHARD the Officer in Charge of the Division that Ringwood is part of has requested that his congratulations be passed on to all concerned. A good effort!

SERGEANT ROY NICHOLSON HAS THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ABOUT WHERE WE COULD BE IN 1989:

Provision of one of the drug caravans for Ringwood. (Any one feel confident in trying to raise \$600,000).

Total Neighbourhood Watch cover for Ringwood - we still have a glaring part uninvolved-not through lack of public support I am sure-the part directly behind the police station.

Support of the Police in Schools Programme in Ringwood-which as many of you know was one of my pet subjects and one that I feel partly responsible for it having been started in Victoria although I have chosen at this stage NOT to be directly involved in the actual programme I have told those concerned in the area of my total support-I would not like to see the programme in RINGWOOD suffer from any financial lack when support from Neighbourhood Watch in Ringwood could assist in improving our community.

I would still like to see a local victim support system offering practical physical support to victims in the Ringwood area-not just on a psychological or counselling basis.

What are your ideas? Do me a favour and jot them down on paper and give them to your Area Co-ordinator or drop them in at the Police Station for my attention. Let's look at some of the ideas and keep aiming for a better community within the City of Ringwood.

Our next monthly meeting will be the 10th. April at Mullum Primary School,
Panfield Ave.,
RINGWOOD. 3134. at 7.30p.m.
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NO. 46.

Y8 & Y9

MAY, 1989.

Crime statistics for April will be reported in our next Newsletter as they were unavailable at time of printing.

The time may again be opportune to define the functions of Neighbourhood Watch.

"What is Neighbourhood Watch?"

Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention programme, aimed at minimising the incidence of preventable crime.

The Need: To date, traditional methods have proved inadequate in halting the spiralling crime rate. In Victoria, a burglary is committed on average once every 7 minutes. Without active assistance from the public, the Police Force alone cannot hope to stop this startling crime epidemic.

Your Involvement: Residents of Neighbourhood Watch Areas are invited to participate in crime prevention.

By:

1. Participating in Operation Identification, where valuable household items, such as a television or stereo, are marked with an identifying number.
2. Being informed on the incidence of crime in their area.
3. Being advised on how to identify and report criminal activity.
4. Having your area sign posted (street signs, gate plaques, window stickers etc.) which operates to deter criminal intrusion.

Your Benefit:

1. Increased knowledge of practical, personal and household security.
2. Reduction in criminal intrusion, operation and committed crimes in your area.

As a resident in the community, any community, you have the right to choose who you permit to enter your home. In N.H.W. you are exercising the right, the right to welcome whom you may into your neighbourhood and to deny entry to all those whose criminal activities deminish your quality of life. You are also helping your neighbours in exercising their rights in the same way.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS A STATEMENT TO CRIMINALS. "STAY OUT OF OUR AREA, WE DO NOT TOLERATE YOUR BEHAVIOUR HERE."

The most important weapons of Neighbourhood Watch may be summarised as follows:

1. Communicate and have faith in your neighbours.
2. Advise neighbours if your property is to be vacant for any period even if only for a few days.
3. If you see anything that you consider suspect or suspicious ring the police Hot Line on 11444 immediately. Do not put it off for one moment. The police cannot hope to achieve success with a late start.

REMEMBER: even if your assessment is wrong, you will achieve praise for your vigilance, so don't ever be embarrassed to ring the police who are your greatest helpers in times of trouble.

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COMMERCIAL UNION INSURANCE - COMMUNITY CARING

EXAMPLES OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

SITUATION

POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE

Moving vehicles.

If slow moving and without lights, or if the course followed appears aimless or repetitive. This is suspicious in any location, but particularly in areas of schools, parks and playgrounds.

Possible "casing" for places to rob or burgle. Possible drug pusher. Possible sex offender.

Vehicles being Loaded with valuables.

Suspicious if parked in front of a closed business or untended residence, even if the vehicle is a legitimate looking commercial unit - possibly even bearing a sign identifying it as a repair vehicle, moving van etc.

Possible burglary or other theft in progress.

Abandoned vehicle.

Possible stolen car.

Other unusual Activity Involving Vehicles.

a. Persons attempting forcibly to enter a locked vehicle, especially at night or in a car park.

Possible burglary, theft, or malicious mischief in progress.

b. Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle especially at night or in a car park.

Possible theft or malicious mischief in progress.

c. Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle especially if around schools or parks, and if juveniles are involved.

Possible drug sales.

d. Persons being forced into vehicles, especially if juveniles or females.

Possible kidnapping or sex offense.

e. Objects thrown from a vehicle - especially while travelling at high speed.

Possible disposal of contraband.



The Next Monthly Meeting will be held at MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, Panfield Avenue, North Ringwood on the 12TH. JUNE, 1989 at 7.30P.M.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



This newsletter is funded by ETHERIDGE FORD, MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.

During APRIL, 1989, the following crime was reported:

- THEFT** Between 8am & 11am on the 17th. April, the passenger window of a vehicle parked outside a residence in The Glade, Ringwood was smashed with a stone. Nothing was stolen.
- BURGLARY** Between 7.15am & 5pm on the 1st. April the laundry door of a house in Jeffrey Drive, Ringwood was forcibly opened. Nothing was stolen.
- WILFUL EXPOSURE** Between 1pm & 1.05pm on the 11th. April at Norwood High School, a male approx. 25 years, dark hair, olive complexion, medium build, exposed himself to two school girls.

May crime statistics were not available when we went to press.

Your Police Emergency Number is 11444. Please give your name if you require quick attendance.

All newcomers into our area are urged to become financial members of Neighbourhood Watch by making a once only donation of \$2. Donations may be made to your Zone Leader.

SECURE LIVING - A Victoria Police Guide.

Remember the times in years gone by, when you could go into town shopping or pop into a neighbour's home for a cup of coffee and leave your home unlocked? Somebody break in? Ridiculous.. Burglaries were rare occurrences, indeed.

Today hundreds of thousands of Australians are victims of criminal activity and their numbers grow daily.

These numbers represent real people and real families; who suffer loss and, in some cases, grave injury.

Break-ins are reported at the rate of several per hour and annually they number in the thousands.

"Secure Living" is the only official Victoria Police guide to home security.

It has been written by the Victoria Police as a commonsense guide to making your home safer from burglary and crime, and help provide you with greater peace of mind.

It has been designed to remove and reduce the opportunity that criminals prey upon.

"Secure Living" is brimming with suggestions and ideas aimed squarely at decreasing criminal opportunity.

"Secure Living" is available to all members of the community at a price of \$1.00 per copy.

A WORD OF ADVICE:

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: The following precautions will help to prevent your vehicle or property being stolen.

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DON'T BE CARELESS: One of the simplest forms of prevention of theft is to remove the ignition key and lock the vehicle—EVEN if you intend to remain away from it for only a short time. Statistics indicate that unfortunately not all motorists adopt this practice.

Many motor vehicles are stolen from the driveways of one's own home—so remember to please lock up your car before entering your residence. Ideally, when not in use, your vehicle should be kept in a locked garage. At all times make sure to fully close and secure vents and windows—BUT remember to provide adequate ventilation for children and pets when left in a motor vehicle. (it is unwise to leave babies and small children unattended in motor cars)

OUT OF SIGHT: Some modern vehicles have access to or from the luggage space which frequently contains valuable property. Ensure the luggage space lock is effective and appropriate for the property carried.

Do NOT leave valuable items visible in your vehicle. Radios, tape recorders, cameras, cases and parcels may invite attention from an offender.

REMOVE cheque books, credit cards, driver's licences, registration papers, etc., from the glove box. Frequently such items when stolen are used to commit further offences.

SECURE AND IDENTIFY: Make sure that car radios, tape players and speakers are properly secured to the vehicle.

Identify accessories as being your property. Engrave or mark equipment using the letter "V" following by your driver's licence number. Also mark your driver's licence number on several places on the vehicle. Keep a record of serial numbers and details of your vehicle and accessories.

KEYS: Do NOT hide keys in what you consider to be a safe place on or in the vehicle. A comparison can be made with leaving the house key under the door mat. When your car is to be repaired or serviced leave only the ignition key.

Do NOT leave information on your key ring which may assist an offender.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS: Consider an alarm system or immobilising device for your vehicle.

Park elsewhere than in isolated darkened areas. Advise police immediately if you observe persons loitering near or trying to enter parked vehicles.

MOTOR CYCLES: A secure chain and good quality case hardened close-shackled padlocks should be used to secure your cycle through the frame and wheel to a solid object.


REMEMBER: Time spent identifying your property and securing your vehicle is time well spent

Our next monthly meeting will be held at Mullum Primary School on MONDAY, 10TH. JULY at 7.30P.M.

ALL WELCOME.

SOME ALARMING CAR FIGURES!

Car burglary and theft has doubled in the previous 12 months. But you will be very surprised at how cheaply and quickly we can rectify this situation. We have the right car alarm to suit your vehicle and your budget. Call us now to protect your valuable asset.

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241 Maroondah Highway,
Ringwood **8705200**

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During May 1989 the following crime was reported:

- THEFT:** Between 6.30am and 6.00pm on the 22/5 a Ford Cortina red sedan was stolen from premises in Oliver St. Car was forcibly entered.
- Between 11.45pm on 26/5 and 9.00pm on 27/5 a Datsun Charade Hatchback was stolen from premises in Mullum Mullum Rd. The car which was forcibly entered was located a short time later.
- Between 1.10am and 2.20am on 6/5, a fawn Datsun 1200 Sedan was stolen from residential premises in Mullum Mullum Rd. Car had been forcibly entered.
- Between 8.30am and 10.30pm on 16/5 a papasam settee 3 seat/bamboo dark stain with cream cushion was stolen from front verandah of a residential property in Junction St.
- Between 8.30am on 9/5 and 2.45pm on 10/5 a roadmaster gents bicycle, blue 12 gears/yellow stackhat, were stolen from Norwood High School in Byron St. Bicycle registration had not been recorded at Ringwood Police Station.

JUNE CRIME STATISTICS WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN WE WENT TO PRESS.

RECOGNITION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: "SUSPICIOUS" Oxford dictionary definition:

"Exciting or liable to excite suspicion-questionable."

"Disposed to suspect something wrong."

"Indicative or expressive of suspicion."

1. WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY? -CONSIDER: a) The person b) The act c) The circumstances
-time, place etc.

Any or all of the above can contribute to suspicious activity.

Any action by a person or any series of events or circumstances that put the observer in the frame of mind that something is wrong.

2. HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: a) What to look for-what to record.
b) Who to contact.
c) What to say.
d) What to see.

(See attached notes.)

3. BASIC PROCEDURE WHEN REPORTING A CRIME:
- The exact location where the emergency is occurring.
 - The name and number of the street.
 - The name of the premises. (where applicable.)
 - Full and detailed description of any offender/s and or vehicles/Direction of travel
 - Your name and address and the telephone number you are calling from.
 - Any other information the operator requests.
 - Any other information you may feel will assist the police.
 - Stay on the telephone until the operator tells you to hang up.

SUSPICIOUS SITUATIONS INVOLVING PROPERTY.

SITUATION

POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE

Property carried by persons on foot.

Especially questionable if the person is running. May be significant if the property is not wrapped as if just purchased.

Possible stolen property.

Property being removed from or being placed into vehicles or buildings.

Suspicious if removed from closed residences whose owners are known to be absent.

Possible burglary or theft in progress.

Areas Y8 & Y9 have been operating in the Ringwood area since March 1985. Many people have been involved in the "WATCH" since inception. Such a person is our Minute Secretary, Mrs. Pat Matthews, who has rendered outstanding service over many years. We thank Pat for her tremendous work for Neighbourhood Watch.

We urgently require a competent person to replace Pat. Prospective applicants should contact their Zone Leader.

Next NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING will be held at MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, Panfield Avenue, Ringwood on the 14TH. AUGUST AT 7.30P.M.

ALL WELCOME.



NO. 49

Y8 & Y9

AUGUST, 1989

During June 1989, the following crime was reported:

- BURGLARY/THEFT** Y8 Between 5.20 & 8.20pm on the 5/6, the front window of a house in Fyfe Ave., was forced and three pay packets containing cash \$1086 and a cheque for \$100 were stolen. A jemmy was used to weaken the wooden frame of the window.
- Y8 Between 8.20am & 4pm on the 26/6 a house in Prospect Crt., Ringwood was forcibly entered through a back window and the following items were stolen: 1 VHS video recorder, \$50 cash, 4 checked woollen blankets, 1 chinelle quilt cover.
- THEFT** Y8 Between 6.30pm & 7.45pm on the 11/6, a black cyclops javelin 10 speed racer bicycle was stolen from a driveway in Junction St. Bicycle should have been locked away.
- Y8 Between 11.15pm on the 6/6 and 5am on the 7/6, a green holden commodore sedan 1981 was stolen from outside a house in Mullum Mullum Rd. The vehicle was used in theft of petrol from Shell Oban Rd. Offender has been charged.
- BURGLARY** Y9 Between 10pm & 11pm on the 17/6 a house in Jeffrey Drive, was forcibly entered through a rear door. Nothing was stolen.
- WILFUL DAMAGE** Y8 Between 6pm on the 22/6 and 8.30am on the 23/6, a commercial property in Warrandyte Rd suffered wilful damage.
- JULY CRIME REPORT
- BURGLARY** Y8 Between 5.30pm on the 1/7 and 3.30pm on the 2/7 the kitchen window of a house in Wattle Ave was forced and entry effected. Nothing was stolen.
- Y9 Between 20/6 and 2/7 the basement window of a house in Jennifer Crt was forced. Nothing was stolen. House was up for sale with no-one in attendance. We should watch this type of premises.
- THEFT** Y8 Between 9am on the 13/7 and 5am on 14/7, the front passenger door of a car parked outside a flat in Oliver St was forced. Bolle sunglasses with two sets of lens value \$120, and a pair of brown suede gloves valued at \$20 were stolen. Please ensure that no items are left in clear view in cars.
- Y8 Between 8pm on 12/7 and 9.00am on 13/7 a motor cycle registration no RC 545 was stolen from outside the garade of a house in Paxton St. The motorcycle was a Yamaha XT 600, 1984 model white with red seat. Offenders merely pushed motor cycle from house.
- Y9 At 7.30am on 8/7 a car reversed into a driveway of a house in Oban Rd and a bag of geelong cement was stolen. Owner confronted offender who drove away but was later caught.

CRIME STATS: AUTOCIDE: Y District - 31/1/89 to 30/6/89 - 16 fatalities.

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FURTHER STATISTICS: a) 75% (3 out of 4) occurred within 5 kilometres of the driver's residence, i.e. we are killing our neighbours. b) Yes 3 out of 4 are aged between 18 & 25 AND THIS AGE GROUP BEING 15% OF THE DRIVING POPULATION ACCOUNT FOR 35% OF THE COLLISIONS. c) THE CAUSES - Impatience, speed and alcohol - you thought alcohol would have to be mentioned didn't you. FACTS: 1) 75% of the 18 to 25 who die on our roads have a blood alcohol count of greater than 0.05 and some are up to 0.3. 2) For the 18 to 25 age group Sunday morning 1.30a.m. to 2.30a.m. accounts for 70% of the fatalities, on their way home from a Disco and are ALMOST HOME. THE CURE: Education - both written and oral. As a parent: 1) ensure your teenager's car is ROADWORTHY, if not, GET IT FIXED. The cost may save someone's life and I trust that it's close to home. 2) go for a drive with your teenager. TALK TO THEM ABOUT ANY PROBLEMS YOU SEE. TALK. 3) Both of you together read a) the Rule Book b) have a friendly competition on who can answer the most questions. (A box of chocolates - the bottle is too expensive.) EXAMPLES: 1) Lady (teenager) after just getting into the intersection before the light went red, says to the right turning vehicle driver after they met head on - what do you think you were doing!! 2) If you as a parent find that you have to wait at an emergency ward at a hospital (whilst having a heart attack) remember calmly that the bed you urgently need will probably be filled by an 18 to 25 year old car driver, who continues to provide the statistics!

Maroondah Life Education Centre, Public Meeting, WEDNESDAY 30TH. AUGUST, 1989 at 7.30P.M. ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, cnr. of Bona & Patterson Street, RINGWOOD EAST.

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SERGEANT GRAHAM HUNT, RINGWOOD POLICE REPORTS.

Comparing this month's figures to May and June of this year illustrate, once again, a slight decrease in crime within Ringwood. Perhaps it's the cold and the rain: I would like to think it's the efforts of Neighbourhood Watch. Some individual offences broken down for the three-month period are as follows:

OFFENCE	MAY	JUNE	JULY
BURGLARIES	11	11	11
THEFT (BICYCLE)	11	11	11
THEFT (FROM CAR)	11	11	11
THEFT (OF CAR)	11	11	11
DAMAGE (WILFUL)	11	11	11
TOTAL OFFENCES	55	55	55

The marked increase is in theft of bicycles. As the circumstances show, most offences have been from driveways or open carports, making it an easy theft for the criminal. Where's our sense of ownership and pride? Or do we just want to be continually apathetic towards combating crime? It goes on. Theft from motor cars is increasing - merely because the criminal can easily see what there is to steal by just looking through the window of the car. On a few occasions, he only has to open the door and remove the property, because the car is not even locked. We have to make life extremely difficult for the criminals if we are going to just keep pace with them - this is how society is heading these days - if we don't keep the pressure on, we lose out to the criminal element - and none of us want that. Let's put in a concerted effort from now on and get these figures down even further. All it needs is a common sense approach to areas of security and a continued keenness in Neighbourhood Watch activity, and we can do it!

REMEMBER YOUR POLICE EMERGENCY NUMBER 11444.

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MULLUM P.S., PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD AT 7.30P.M. ON 11TH. SEPTEMBER.



NO. 51

Y8 & Y9

OCTOBER, 1989.

The following are crime figures for August, 1989. September figures will be printed in our next Newsletter.

- BURGLARY**
- Y9 Between 12noon on 27/7 & 8.30am on 1/8 a storeroom in Oban Rd was entered via the roof but perpetrators left scene without removing any property.
 - Y9 At 11.52pm on 19/8 an offender tried to enter a property in Jeffrey Drive. He was disturbed whilst trying to gain entry through the front door but departed the scene after a struggle.
 - Y9 Between 10am and 12noon on the 27/8 an intruder forced window of house in Sunhill Drive and stole a Sharp VCR. Victim is a Zone Leader in Neighbourhood Watch and had imprinted drivers licence number on VCR.
 - Y9 Between 11am & 4pm on 7/8, offender forced a rear sliding door of a house in Jeffrey Drive. Phillips TV, National TV, Phillips Stereo, Mens wristwatch, gold rings and \$250 cash were stolen. Whole house was ransacked in trying to locate anything of value.
 - Y8 Between 10.45am and 4.50pm on 21/8 a house in Mullum Rd was entered and an Aiki Portable TV with remote control was stolen. Thieves tried front door, rear door and finally entered through a rear window.
- THEFT**
- Y9 Between 9.30am on 11/8 & 8.30am on 12/8 a tarpaulin, black tool box and assorted electrical goods were stolen from the rear of a utility parked in driveway of a house in Panfield Avenue. Entry was effected through driver's door. Utility had no security.
 - Y8 Between 8.30pm on the 21/8 and 6.45am on the 22/8, thieves tried to force door of a car parked outside a house in Pratt St but failed.
- CRIMINAL DAMAGE.**
- Y9 Between 4.45pm on 8/8 & 9am on 9/8 an auto body repair factory in Oban Rd was entered and rear wall of premises was damaged by a motor vehicle. Numerous tins of paint were damaged and spilt.
 - Y9 Between 6pm on 4/8 & 8am on 5/8, letter box of a house in Byron St. was smashed by passer-byers during the night.

Sergeant Graham Hunt-Ringwood Police Co-Ordinator has noticed a lack of telephone calls from members of the public in relation to matters occurring within their areas. If you see anything untoward in your street, especially in your neighbour's premises, call the Police straight away. If you think someone is breaking into a house, write down a description of this person, such as how old you think they are, what are they wearing, how tall they are and if they have alighted from a car, the registration number and make of car.

If a car is slowly driving up and down the street, don't think it is too trivial to involve the Police. Ring the Police immediately, A Police car will attend.

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Description of Suspect

Sex	Race	Age
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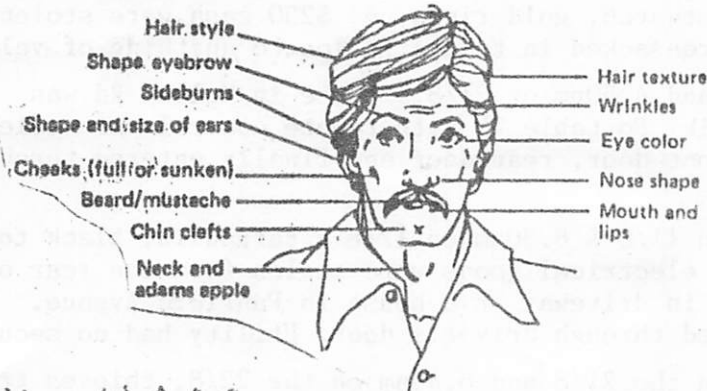
Height	Weight	Complexion
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Hair/Length Colour
Glasses (type)
Tattoos/Scars/Marks
Facial Hair
Type Weapon



Hat (colour, type)
Tie
Coat
Shirt
Pants/Shoes

Facial Appearance



Write below specific facial details - only what you definitely remember.

What did suspect say? _____

Which way did he/she go? _____

PH. 11444

Stay on the Telephone • Don't Hang Up

Australia's Most Wanted Channel 7, Sunday 7.30p.m., 22nd. October will feature a segment on Neighbourhood Watch including information on Neighbourhood Watch and its successes.

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD NORTH, 7.30P.M. ON NOVEMBER 13TH. ALL WELCOME.

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NO. 52

Y8 & Y9

NOVEMBER, 1989

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY ETHERIDGE FORD, 241 MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.
 TELEPHONE: 870-5200.

The Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator at Ringwood Police Station is away on leave and we have received no crime report for September or October.

THE CHRISTMAS ROAD TOLL REPORT.

Victoria Police have been engaged in planning for the Christmas project since July. Research discloses that the condition of many vehicles involved in collisions is unsafe. Mechanical and structural defects are therefore contributing very significantly to the toll.

- Before you leave home check:
- All lights working properly
 - Brakes
 - Headlights (Main beam and dip)
 - Sidelights
 - Indicators
 - Reversing
 - Hazard
 - Proper alignment of headlights
 - Tyres (Including spare)
 - Tread
 - Pressure
 - Windscreen (For cracks)
 - Wiper blades effective
 - Fluid levels
 - Battery.

For approximately \$17, you can have a full roadworthy test carried out on your car by an approved agent.

A last will and testament could cost you much more.

DAILY - ON THE ROAD - CHECK

- Tyre pressures - check when tyres are cold
- Fluid levels
- Clean Windscreen at all times
- Windscreen washer fluid
- Oil Pressure
- Electrical charging.

WHILE DRIVING

- PATIENCE - PATIENCE - PATIENCE
- Wear seatbelts at all times
- Rest (2 hourly intervals)
- Dip headlights for oncoming cars
- Change drivers if possible.

STOLEN CARS - Many vehicles, especially Commodores, have been stolen from Eastland and Target Square. Buy yourself a steering lock and ensure that you use it. Do not leave valuable items visible in your car - they may invite attention from an offender.

D.R. & T.A. Goodluck, 34 Glencairn Avenue, Ringwood (870-0175), members of Neighbourhood Watch are security agents and will install the AMWAY AMGARD PERIMETER ALARM SYSTEM in your home or the Mongoose Car Alarm System in your car. The Mongoose costs \$478 plus a \$100 installation fee. Brochures are available from Mr. & Mrs. Goodluck or your Zone leader.

REPORTING ON PERSONS BEHAVING SUSPICIOUSLY.

There are indications that some residents are challenging persons who behave suspiciously around their homes. If this is the case, please do not take on a task that the Police are competent to carry out. This could lead to injury or worse, and it is both logical and imperative for the Police to be rung immediately on 11444. Calls to this number are answered within 7 seconds. When supplying information, speak slowly and distinctly, giving your name, address and details of the problem being experienced. By all means speak to Neighbours about the problem, afterwards, but ringing 11444 is the first move to be made.

VANDALISM.

There have been many reports of vandalism - broken letter boxes, broken windows, breaking Neighbourhood Watch signs on fences and other minor damage to property. The Police advise that if you see any acts of vandalism or groups of youths acting suspiciously, try to get a description of the offenders, observe where they go, then ring 11444 immediately. Vandals have been apprehended by Police and charged because of prompt action by residents.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

The present Publicity Officer, Ron Cunningham, has completed three years in the position and is now seeking someone to take over these duties. Would those interested in taking on the task contact him on 870-5834 for further details.



The last monthly meeting for the year will be held at MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD NORTH, AT 7.30P.M. ON 11TH. DECEMBER.

ALL WELCOME.

SOME ALARMING CAR FIGURES!

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The following crime was reported in October and November:

- BURGLARY Y9 Between 28/9 & 4/10, entry to a house in Jeffrey Drive, was effected through removing roof tiles and a T.V. valued at \$600 was stolen.
- ARSON Y8 On the 5/10, there was an attempt to burn a motor car parked in Oliver Street.
- CRIMINAL Y8 On the 12/11, the rear window of a car parked in Oliver Street DAMAGE: was wilfully damaged.
- Y8 On the 20/11, door locks and windows on a house in Prospect Court were wilfully damaged.
- THEFT Y9 On the 18/11, household goods left in a motor car parked in Bigola Street were stolen.
- Y9 On the 17/11, tyres were stolen from a motor car parked in Jull Parade.
- Y9 On the 20/11, plants were stolen from a house in Golden Crescent.
- Y8 On the 26/11, house hold goods were stolen from a house in Warrandyte Road.
- Y8 On the 30/11, a money jar was stolen from a house in Mullum Mullum Road.

We append below a plea from our Area Co-ordinator and an article in the local newspaper from our local police representative for your attention and consideration.

HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP

DO YOU WANT N.H.W. TO CONTINUE OR TO FOLD! It's up to you. We do need more Zone Leaders and assistants who CAN and WILL attend a ONE HOUR meeting monthly and deliver some Newsletters.

THERE IS AN OLD SAYING IN THE NAVY. -- FRONT UP OR SHIP OUT --

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM AREA CO-ORDINATOR FRANK VAN RYSWYK -

"Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on our list?
Or stay at home on meeting nights to watch the "Idiot Box"?
Do you take an active part to HELP keep Watch awake?
Or are you satisfied just simply "She'll be alright mate"?
Think it over, "neighbours" you know the right from wrong.
Are you an active member or do you just belong?

RECIPIENTS of Y8 and Y9 newsletters had better "Front Up" to their collective responsibilities as citizens because I believe the 25 or so people who form the Y8 and Y9 Executive without your help are just about to ship out and that could mean the END of YOUR N.H.W.

Those of us who attend the N.H.W. meetings use the information gleaned to secure our homes and families and return to the public mass. However the latest crime reports are not the best. WE TRIED - DID YOU? ON BEHALF OF AREAS Y8 & Y9 WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1990.

RINGWOOD Police have branded the Neighbourhood Watch scheme a pointless waste of time.

Sen-Constable Jim Wiggins said many Neighbourhood Watch participants expected police to do all the work with only minor input from themselves.

"It's a one-way street; we are getting no response back at the sta-

By NICK EVANS

tion," he said. "They are not prepared to back us up. If a matter does go to court we are being left high and dry."

Sen-Constable Wiggins said there were only four police officers to cover Ringwood's 16 Neighbourhood Watch areas. Because of a lack of manpower at the station, many officers do not have the time to adequately cover Neigh-

bourhood Watch meetings.

Sen-Constable Wiggins said many Neighbourhood Watch participants did not understand the pressures police were under.

He cited an example of a meeting when only three officers were available for a shift, one to keep the station open and the other two on patrol.

Because they were short staffed the two policemen were unable to

attend a Neighbourhood Watch meeting for its duration but went and apologised before going back on patrol.

"Someone asked why the bloke back at the station could not lock up and come down to the meeting," Sen-Constable Wiggins said.

"That is ridiculous. You can't do that for a 24-hour police station."

"In 13 years at this station I still have not seen the front door boys," he said.

Sen-Constable Wiggins also said people were taking "a mushroom attitude and pulling their heads in."

"People are still prepared to call us and give us information but that is it; they are not prepared to back us up and we need their eyes for court," he said.

"Unless people are prepared to help us out there is not much use for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme."

0 FREQUENTLY WHILST ON VACATION PEOPLE NEGLECT TO PERFORM SIMPLE CRIME PREVENTION FUNCTIONS WHICH MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF BURGLARY OR REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSAULT OR LIKE OFFENCES*****

- 1 PRIOR TO LEAVING YOUR RESIDENCE
- 2 CANCEL ALL DELIVERIES.
- 3 HAVE A NEIGHOUR COLLECT ADVERTISING AND OTHER MATERIAL LEFT IN THE LETTER BOX ETC.
- 4 ARRANGE TO KEEP PATHS AND DRIVEWAYS FREE OF PAPERS AND OTHER DEBRIS.
- 5 CREATE AN AWARENESS AMONGST NEIGHBOURS OF YOUR INTENDED ABSENCE AND REQUEST THEY BE ALERT TO SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR VEHICLES IN PROXIMITY TO YOUR HOME.
- 6 THE POLICE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 7 ADVISE POLICE OF YOUR ABSENCE AND ADDRESS WHILST ON HOLIDAYS.
- 8 DON'T LEAVE KEYS CONCEALED FOR OTHERS TO USE, PERHAPS A BURGLAR MAY MAKE THE BEST OF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO HIM.
- 9 LOCK AWAY GARDEN TOOLS, LADDERS AND THE LIKE WHICH MAY BE USED FOR GAINING ENTRY TO YOUR RESIDENCE.
- 10 MAINTAIN A "LIVED IN" APPEARANCE AT THE RESIDENCE.
- 11 AN AUTOMATIC TIMING DEVICE CAN TURN ON/OFF SELECTED LIGHTS AND RADIOS.
- 12 LEAVE SHADES AND BLINDS AS YOU NORMALLY DO. CLOSED BLINDS MAKE AN EFFECTIVE SCREEN FOR A BURGLAR.
- 13 DON'T LEAVE NOTES ADVERTISING YOUR ABSENCE. REQUEST NEIGHBOURS NOT TO INFORM CALLERS THAT YOU ARE ABSENT ON HOLIDAYS.
- 14 RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS OF APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPH, IN COLOUR, VALUABLE ITEMS.
- 15 ENGRAVE OR MARK PROPERTY FOR IDENTIFICATION.
- 16 A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF STOLEN PROPERTY GREATLY ASSISTS THE POLICE.
- 17 CONSIDER USING THE MOST SECURE ROOM AT THE RESIDENCE TO STORE VALUABLES.
- 18 ENSURE LOCKS ARE ADEQUATE. IN MANY BURGLARIES THE OFFENDERS SIMPLY OPEN THE DOOR FROM INSIDE THE RESIDENCE AND REMOVES PROPERTY.
- 19 LOCKS REQUIRING A KEY OPERATION FOR EITHER SIDE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR DOORS WITH GLASS PANELS OR DOORS HAVING ADJACENT PANES OF GLASS.
- 20 WINDOWS CAN BE MADE MORE SECURE BY THE INSTALLATION OF WINDOW LOCKS OR SECURITY GRILLES.
- 21 INTERIOR DOORS SHOULD BE LOCKED (AND KEYS REMOVED) TO MINIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE RESIDENCE.
- 22 GLASS PANES OF LOUVER WINDOWS SHOULD BE MADE NON REMOVABLE.

NEXT MEETING: MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL 7.30P.M. 12/2/'90 ALL WELCOME.



Neighbourhood watch

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Y8 & Y9

FEBRUARY, 1990

The following crime was reported over December '89 and January '90:

- BURGLARY & THEFT:**
- Y8 On 6/12 a compact disc & radio was stolen from a residential property in Tania Court.
 - Y8 On 1/1 a boy's bicycle was stolen from a residential property in Terrigal Court.
 - Y8 On 1/1 two cats were stolen from a residence in Pratt Street.
 - Y8 On 2/1 two bikes were stolen from a residence in Pratt Street.
 - Y8 On 2/1 in Larissa St, household goods valued at \$1200 were stolen from a residential property.
 - Y8 On 4/1, household goods valued at \$1500 were stolen from a flat in Warrandyte Road.
 - Y8 On 8/1, household goods were stolen from a residential property in Rupert Street.
 - Y8 On 9/1, in Warrandyte Road, an attempted burglary from a residential property was frustrated.
 - Y8 On 9/1, in Turnbull Court a radio and electrical goods valued at \$1500 were stolen.
 - Y8 On 30/1, in Warrandyte Rd, goods were stolen from a residential property.

- WILFUL DAMAGE:**
- Y8 On 27/12, in Jordan Road, a car windscreen was broken.
- THEFT:**
- Y9 On 8/12, in Oban Road, a motor car valued at \$2500 was stolen.
 - Y9 On 8/12, in Oban Road, motor car tools were stolen from open boot of a car.
 - Y9 On 21/12, in Jennifer Court, a mountain bike was stolen from driveway of a residential property.
 - Y9 On 23/12, in Jeffrey Drive, tools were taken from a motor car.

- WILFUL DAMAGE:**
- Y9 On 26/1, in Jeffrey Drive, a car windscreen was broken.

As this is our first Newsletter for 1990, we thought we would tell you something about Neighbourhood Watch.

"NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH is the most exciting and successful crime prevention programme ever introduced into Victoria." Subjective comment-well, maybe, but the overwhelming response to the programme speaks for itself. The Neighbourhood Watch programme had a humble beginning. It began in June 1983 as a pilot project in a small area in Frankston.

The public launch of Neighbourhood Watch took place on March 14th, 1984. Since then, the partnership has grown to more than 480 programmes in Victoria, involving 350,000 households and over 1 million people. This represents over a quarter of the state's population.

To date all states except the Northern Territory, have followed Victoria's lead and introduced Neighbourhood Watch.

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COMMERCIAL UNION INSURANCE - COMMUNITY CARING

The four strategies of the programme are simple and most can be used by anyone, whether living in a Neighbourhood Watch area or not.

They are: operation identification, improved home security, improved reporting of crime and suspicious activity and deterrence of criminal activity by sign posting. The reduction in burglaries reported from Neighbourhood Watch areas has been as high as 88% after 12 months. The average reduction is about 30%.

A standard reaction to the statistics has been, "But all you are doing is moving the burglars to another area!" State burglary statistics disprove that theory of displacing burglaries. Substantial reductions become even more significant when compared with previously increasing burglary levels, year after year.

The future of Neighbourhood Watch is very bright—the substantial benefits everyone will see include: a better informed public, more accurate information, less hesitancy from the public in contacting police, a community network to tap into with crime prevention information, a more co-operative public, and a partner in the continual fight against crime.

YOU ASKED FOR IT! 1. How does Neighbourhood Watch Work?

The strategies of Neighbourhood Watch involve marking your valuables with your driver's licence number, learning how to recognise and report criminal activity, taking steps to improve your household and personal security and signposting your area to act as a deterrent. Essentially it works by making it more difficult for criminals to commit crimes by removing the opportunity and increasing the chances of their apprehension.

2. Who is my first point of contact in Neighbourhood Watch?

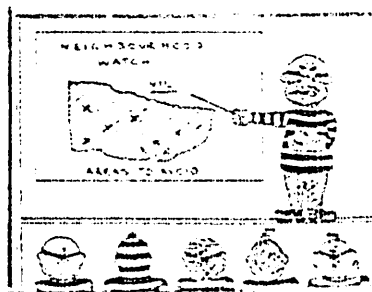
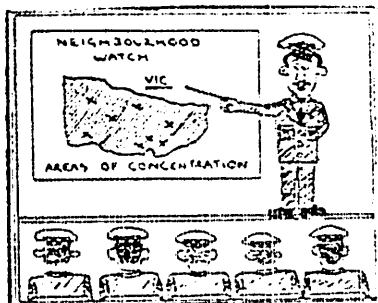
For most residents the first point of contact for routine matters is the Zone Leader who will call periodically at your home to deliver a newsletter and discuss your participation in Neighbourhood Watch strategies. The Zone Leader will be one of your neighbours who has volunteered to act in that capacity. Zone Leaders meet monthly with the Area Co-ordinator and the police. Anyone is welcome at that meeting. Zone Leaders are the cornerstone of Neighbourhood Watch. They deserve your support.

OBJECTIVES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: The basic objectives of Neighbourhood Watch include the organisation of the community into a mutually caring, co-operative and watchful unit to help prevent (or at least lessen the opportunity for) crime and when necessary facilitate the apprehension of offenders and the recovery of stolen property.

COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS: An EFFECTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM requires all members of the community to make a small active contribution. People not willing to participate create gaps and weaknesses in the scheme severely restricting its effectiveness. At present the burden of responsibility is being carried by very few. Some streets, roads etc, are not even able to supply a zone leader or assistant zone leader willing to attend monthly meetings and to deliver newsletters. The "IT'LL BE RIGHT MATE-SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT" attitude is certainly prevalent.

MEETING DATES FOR 1990 ARE:	Mon. 12/2	Mon. 14/5	Mon. 13/8	Mon. 12/11
	Tue. 13/3	Tue. 12/6	Mon. 10/9	Mon. 10/12
	Mon. 9/4	Mon. 2/7	Mon. 8/10	

Annual special General Meeting for election of Office Bearers will be held on **TUESDAY, 13TH. MARCH** - our next March meeting, and will be held at our usual venue Mullum Primary School, Panfield Avenue, RINGWOOD NORTH commencing at 7.30P.M. A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL.



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During February 1990, the following crime was reported.

- THEFT. Y8.** On the 12/2, an umbrella, valued at \$200 was stolen from a house in Turnbull Court. A gate had been left unlocked.
- Y9.** On the 1/2, a toolbox and plumbing tools, valued at \$1350, were stolen from the boot of a motor car parked in Jull Crescent.
- Y9.** On the 2/2, a Commodore car valued at \$29,000 was stolen from a house in Glencairn Avenue.
- WILFUL DAMAGE Y9.** On the 10/2, 2 plate glass windows, valued at \$100, were broken on a house in Wonga Road.
- Y9.** On the 24/2, a rock was thrown through a window of a house in Hendra Grove. Damage was assessed at \$100.

AFTER CRIME REPORT

Ring 11444 if you see anything suspicious.

In Neighbourhood Watch we are always imploring you to ring 11444 (D24) when you require police urgently. When you see someone acting suspiciously or see something you feel uneasy about.

The facts D24 need to know are;

1. The type of incident - Theft, accident, burglary, wilful damage, car stolen, holdup, alarm ringing, etc.,
2. Is it HOT - still in progress....or is it COLD - a 'fait accompli' - the crooks have bolted.
3. Where is it (where possible supply Melways references)
4. Further details - description of persons, car rego/make.
5. Are other services required - ambulance, fire brigade, or SES.
6. Then lastly your name, address and contact number.

Interpreters are available, so dont be put off if you cannot speak good English. Following this procedure will ensure the quickest response from police.

Sgt GRAHAM HUNT.

LENTIN SPEAKS

Neighbourhood Watch circa 1990 is a prospect many 'educated punters' said would never exist. Rather than ponder on these doom and gloom people, lets reflect on and consider why Neighbourhood Watch is alive in the 90's, why it is achieving such outstanding success.

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Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be at Mullum P.S. on 12/4/90



I believe there are several factors which dictate the level of success achieved by individual Neighbourhood Watch areas and the programme overall. The one constant factor is YOU. Neighbourhood Watch, like the recent revolutions in Eastern Europe, rely on people power. If YOU are dedicated, committed and enthusiastic YOU have proven positive change can be made. As YOU have achieved the successes of the past, YOU will be the major variable in what level of success is achieved in the future.

Secondly, it is clear that leadership is of major importance in Neighbourhood Watch. The leadership I speak of is that demonstrated at the most important levels of Neighbourhood Watch - Areas and Zones. Neighbourhood Watch can exist without me, without a State Co-ordinator, without a State Council, without District Committees, without S.P.I.O. However if the leadership of Areas or Zones is removed, the programme grinds to a halt immediately. My function and the function of all the other levels of Neighbourhood Watch is to support the Areas and Zones - if that is not happening, please let me know.

The next important factor is how committed we are to a partnership with the police and how committed the police are to a partnership with us. For any partnership to be truly effective all parties must contribute their best. To achieve ongoing success in Neighbourhood Watch we must recognise that we rely on the police and the police rely on us. We must all work at maintaining and strengthening our partnership - the results are worth the effort.

The simplicity of Neighbourhood Watch is one of its greatest strengths. I would like to see 1990 dedicated as a year of 'getting back to the basics.' We should strive to ensure our four fundamental strategies are being used. We should examine the saturation of Operation Identification, are those Christmas presents engraved? The signs, gate plates, stickers etc might be a little worn, when was the last time you replaced yours or offered your neighbour a replacement gate plate? And the trusty newsletter, why don't we personalise the delivery of these more in the future - deliver some personally each month. Your Neighbourhood Watch programme deserves nothing less than the best we can provide.

Finally, to ensure Neighbourhood Watch thrives through the 90's into the 21st century, we must all be positive, persistent and enthusiastic in our activities to prevent crime. We all know there will not be a time we can sit back and claim victory. The battle we fight will never end. We need to recognise our substantial achievements so far and understand we can do even better in the future. Whenever you become despondent and tired or annoyed that 'someone else' isn't helping, ask yourself, "What would my community be like if I wasn't participating in Neighbourhood Watch?" The answer can be found in our newspapers and on our televisions, we would live in a country where it is not safe to walk the streets, leave our homes or enjoy our life. 'Someone else' is not going to maintain and improve our lifestyle - YOU MUST.

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TIME REPORT:

As from December 1989, reports of crime statistics will be made on a street basis in order that street residents may be aware of happenings in their street.

The incidents number reflects the number of incidents in that street since 1st. December 1989.

As at 31/3/90 the position is:

- 1 incident - Tania, Crt, Terrigal Crt, Larissa St, Rupert St, Jordan St, Jennifer St, Jull Crt, Wonga Rd, Hendra Rd,
- 2 incidents - Turnbull Crt, Oban Rd.
 - Glencairn Ave - 2 - damage - front window broken with rock 15/3/90.
 - Pratt St - 3 - Burglary - (10 switches stolen 10/3/90)
 - Warrandyte Rd - 4 - Theft from Motor Car - Volvo
Badge from boot. 22/3/90
 - Sonia St - 1. Burglary - removed louvres. Cash/running shoes, 9/3/90.
 - 2. Attempted Burglary - tried to open windows, 16/3/90.
 - 3. Attempted Burglary - tried to open windows, 20/3/90.
 - 4. Window damage - broken window, 28/3/90,
- Prospect Crt. - 1. Theft from motor car. Front window broken, tool box stolen, 18/3/90.
- Oliver St. - 1. Burglary - Back rear window forced - household items stolen, 24/3/90.
- George St. - 1. Burglary - Padlock removed - motor mower and weed eater removed, 4/3/90.
- Jeffrey Drive.- 13. NOTE. Jeffrey Drive starts off with 10 because of its past history.

Whilst unfortunately these incidents reach you after the event, several questions automatically raised, e.g.

- a) Sonia St - 1. did residents talk to each other.
- 2. how come then after the 9th. March residents weren't a little more conscious and check activities in the street.
- b) Jeffrey Drive - has a very poor past history. It is basically having incident reports on an almost monthly basis. Are the residents in this street continually asleep or are people NOT reporting suspicious circumstances?

Neighbourhood Watch does work FOR EXAMPLE: Last year a resident in Jeffrey Drive (an Road End) reported to 11444 (D24) a suspicious vehicle. End result within 15 mins. 2 people arrested and a van load of household items recovered.

All that is needed is to be aware of what is happening in your street, during the day and also around 9.00p.m. at night.

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For example, another resident of Jeffrey Drive saw a suspicious van parked in front of four houses where the occupants were out (known to their Zone Leaders). The report to 11444 resulted in a squad car being there within fifteen minutes, and very shortly after the RACV and the van owner arrived. The van owner was not upset, he had a legitimate reason for being there and congratulated the squad car people for the alert Neighbour Hood Watch in that areas. Comment, "pity my area wasn't as good". D24 passed this on to the reporter.

IT DOES WORK WHEN WE THE RESIDENTS MAKE IT WORK BY REPORTING IT. The classic of all times, lady on phone to D24. "When the people from NO. so and so street ring and report their house has been emptied, it will be fact as I have watched it being emptied into a van." "Why didn't you ring us". "Oh - I didn't want to get involved - " Wasn't she anyway?

INSURANCE DISCOUNTS: In recognition of the inroads Neighbourhood Watch has made to house burglaries, CU offer a discount on home insurance to NHW participants. To take advantage of this offer, simply contact your Insurance agent or broker. All you have to do to qualify is participate in Operation Identification and display your Neighbourhood Watch gate plate. The company which supports Neighbourhood Watch, supports you.

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Commercial Union Insurance have been sponsoring Neighbourhood Watch in Victoria since its inception in 1984. This year Commercial Union has contributed \$360,000 causing the total investment to reach \$1,500,000.

Commercial Union offers active participants in Neighbourhood Watch valuable discounts on Buildings, Contents and Valuables Insurance. And because the company sponsor Neighbourhood Watch they are in a unique position to appreciate how effective the programme is at reducing the risk of break-ins.

Commercial Union have produced a booklet, Security and You which can assist to improve security and reduce the risk of becoming a victim. The booklet is full of security advice and information on how to best calculate your contents and valuable insurance. Pick up a copy of Security and You next time you visit your Commercial Union Agent.

The next NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING will be held at 7.30P.M. at MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD on Monday 14th. May.

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CRIME REPORT:

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Incident No.

2	Rupert St	-	Wilfull damage - 5th. May.
1	Lawrence St	-	Wilfull damage - smashed rear window - 3rd. May.
4	Pratt St	-	Burglary & Theft-forced sliding window- typewriter stolen, 4th. May.
5	Pratt St	-	Burglary & Theft-rear door. Household goods stolen. 23rd. May.
5	Warrandyte Rd	-	Wilfull damage-rock into car window, 26/5.
16	Jeffrey Dve	-	Theft from motor car-2 spotlights stolen, 5/5.
17	"	-	Theft from motor car-handbag stolen, 26/5.

Jeffrey Drive continues to keep up its average. How many cars are parked in this street overnight? Residents must be more attentive. Telephone 11444 Police Emergency Number if you notice anything suspicious.

POLICE/SCHOOLS INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM.

The Police/Schools Involvement Program (P/SIP) began in February, 1989, following the appointment of a Police Inspector to co-ordinate the development of a police program for Victorian schools. The program was developed after consultation with education and health professionals.

The aims of the program are:

- * to reduce crime in society
- * to develop a better relationship between police and youth in the community.
- * to create in young people an understanding of the police role in the structure of society.
- * to extend the concept of crime prevention into the Victorian education system.
- * to equip young people with the necessary skills to avoid dangerous and threatening situations.

Victoria Police allocated 50 members to the program. Members applying for the position of School Resource Officer (SRO) were required to sit before a selection board to assess their suitability for the role. Successful members attended a special training course at the Hawthorn Institute of Education, learning skills in session preparation, planning and presentation.

Each SRO has been allocated 10 schools. On average, each school is visited by the SRO for half a day each fortnight. This gives nearly 3000 children the opportunity to meet, interact with, and learn from a Police officer in a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere. Parents, staff and school councillors also meet the Police officer on a friendly and informal basis.

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The six themes of the P/SIP are: Our Legal system, Police and the community, Rights and responsibilities, The consequences of our actions, Keeping ourselves and others safe and Drug education.

It can be seen that the themes and aims of the P/SIP run parallel with many of the concepts of Neighbourhood Watch. To inform Neighbourhood Watch members of the P/SIP the programm co-ordinator, Mr. Ron Marshall, attended the February meeting of the State Council. Mr. Marshall's presentation was most informative.

Mr. Marshall asked for support from Neighbourhood Watch. Already, some Districts have provided resources to their local SRO, such as "Stackhats" to be used as prizes in a road safety competition.

Mr. Marshall urged all District Delegates to contact the SRO in their area, to set up a two-way street of communication and assistance. Some SRO's have introduced Neighbourhood Watch to the children during a session.

He said, "There is a great deal of expertise amongst Neighbourhood Watch members, be they District Delegates, Co-ordinators or general members. If you believe you have the time and expertise to offer, contact your local P/SIP SRO and if possible, attend a school with them to help introduce Neighbourhood Watch to the students, perhaps even becoming involved in the lessons yourself."

To obtain further information regarding the P/SIP or to ascertain the name and location of your local School Resource Officer, contact:

Mr. Ron Marshall, Sgt. Greg Denham or S/C Glen Cross,
Police/Schools Involvement Program,
7th. Floor, Police Headquarters,
380 Willima Street,
MELBOURNE TELEPHONE (03) 320-3495.

"TEENAGE RUNAWAYS"

In these stressful times, many young people find they cannot cope with the pressures of school, home or even their friends. They may turn to drugs or alcohol. They may run away. A booklet published by the YMCA of Australia titled "Teenage Runaways - What can a parent do?" has been made possible through a grant from the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust Fund for Young Australians. The booklet is divided into 5 sections designed to cover the general sequence of events involved when a young person runs away. The discovery that a child has run away can bring an array of confusing emotions to the surface. Many parents need guidance to tackle the situation. This booklet provides that. To obtain copies of the booklet, which we highly recommend, contact: YMCA of Australia, 196 Albert Road, SOUTH MELBOURNE. 3205. Phone (03)699-7655 Fax:(03)690-2835.

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Incident.

- 1 Hobart St 5/6/90 Burglary & Theft. Smashed window.
VCR CD Player & TV stolen.
- 1 Mullum Rd 13/6/90 Wilful Damage. Toilet window broken.
- 1 Sonia St 13/6/90 Burglary & Theft. VCR stolen.

Let us endeavour to eliminate all crime from our area. Be alert. Be vigilant. When you see someone acting suspiciously or see something you feel uneasy about - ring D24 on 11444.

SECURITY ADVICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

THE HOME: GENERAL ADVICE - Ensure your home number is clearly visible from the street. Don't leave keys under mats, pot plants, meter boxes or other obvious places. Keep out-buildings locked and do not leave tools or ladders available for a potential burglar. If you live alone, don't indicate this fact on unit or flat directories or in the telephone book. Don't divulge information by telephone to unknown callers.

LOCKING - Ensure existing door locks operate correctly. A lock requiring key operation from either side is essential if doors have glass areas in or adjacent to them. Locksmiths have a range of locks available for all types of windows. Windows may also be protected by aesthetically appealing grilles. When at home keep doors locked - remember the rear door.

CALLERS AT YOUR HOME - a good quality, well fitted security door will provide additional locking point, plus a barrier between you and persons calling at your home. Consider a security door for the rear of the premises also. A peep hole will enable you to view the caller without opening the door. Often a caller can be seen through a window with a view of the point of the entrance. Good lighting at the entrance is necessary to aid night time identification of callers.

DON'T BE DECEIVED - Don't welcome an offender into your flat or home. Doubt any unknown person however genuine they appear. Ask for identification and study it carefully before opening the door. If requested to use your telephone do offer to make the call or direct them to a public telephone. Deal with reputable organisations or members of an association. Be alert to those requesting entry to your home to check appliances or equipment. REMEMBER - ask for and verify credentials. If in doubt keep them out. Never admit you are alone in the residence.

CONFIDENCE TRICKSTERS - Confidence tricksters are most plausible and use many different ruses to gain trust and money. Beware of unknown persons offering goods or services at low rates. Do not withdraw money or valuables unless you have verified the proposal or scheme with friends or family



SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR VEHICLES - If you are suspicious of anyone calling at your residence or in your neighbourhood advise the Police. This would apply also to suspicious vehicles. Keep the telephone numbers of the local Police handy. '000' is the emergency number for Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance. Ask for the service required. No coins are necessary.

BEFORE LEAVING HOME - Take time to lock up carefully before leaving. Plan your outing carefully. Know the times of departure for public transport and what routes you will use.

ELSEWHERE - ON FOOT - Travel and shop with companions whenever possible. Avoid carrying large sums of money and carry your handbag in your hand rather than on top of other items in a basket or loose shopping bag. Carry a small torch if you will be returning after dark. Also carry identification and telephone numbers you may require. Keep your handbag under your control. In public places do not place it on the floor, back of a chair or on another seat.

IN A VEHICLE - Keep your car door locked at all times and windows wound up. Make sure your car is in good condition and has plenty of petrol plus a street directory. Have your keys ready as you walk to your car. Before you get in, check to make sure no one is hiding in your vehicle. If in difficulties, drive to a service station or well lit location where you can drive in and seek assistance. Don't stop for any hitch-hikers. Park your car in well lit areas. Don't leave valuables in your car. Be alert to anything suspicious and take appropriate action. Travel near the guard when using the train.

FIRE PREVENTION: With winter upon us it is appropriate to take precautions to prevent fires. A few minutes spent checking your home may save much heartbreak.

Ensure heating appliances (including wood stoves) are installed to Building Regulations Standards. The flue should be installed from roofing timbers and wall panelling. Check that walls and floors are well insulated from any heat source.

Take care with portable heating appliances. Be careful where you place them, taking extra care if young children, elderly or disabled people are in the vicinity.

Place a metal mesh guard in front of open fireplaces to protect against flying sparks and falling embers. When leaving your house or retiring for the night, it is recommended that all flames and embers in open fire places are completely extinguished.

Before using electric blankets that have remained unused for several months, check that they are serviceable. Avoid leaving weighty objects like heavy suitcases on the bed when the electric blanket is switched "ON".


If you have any doubts about the condition of any appliances you own, have them checked by an authorised repairer or service centre.

The above advice comes to us from the Country Fire Authority. They have a most informative booklet "How to prevent and survive house fires" available. It is recommended that Areas obtain a copy of this booklet for their use.

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Incident 1 Herbert Street - Dashboard was stolen from a Falcon GT on the 2nd. July

2 Mullum Road - fishing gear was stolen from a boat.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH -A TIMELY REVIEW: In the period since Neighbourhood Watch began, the growth of the program has outstripped the most optimistic of forecasts. Already first thoughts about its total size at maturity have been proved far too low and even without the introduction of the rural program the number of areas in Melbourne itself is larger than anyone thought it would be. Neighbourhood Watch Rural is up and running and already is a huge success, with areas clamouring to be formed and eager to add their weight to the State-wide efforts of Police and Civilians elsewhere.

It is unlikely that anyone could have foreseen the degree of popularity the founding fathers hoped for. It is in precisely those circumstances that there may be some unforeseen difficulties for the program as a whole.

There's no doubt about the willingness of all to keep the momentum going. The program has been the most successful initiative in crime prevention for years and the partnership between Police and Civilians rests on a solid base of goodwill and co-operation on both sides. If there are any problems with our growth (and perhaps there are) we really ought to tackle them head-on and now.

Among the issues to be address are these:

* What about the continuity of Police and Civilian Leadership?

Do we have machinery in place for basic training of the new leaders as the early ones retire or move on?

* What about the aspect of servicing Neighbourhood Watch Rural?

How do we make sure Neighbourhood Watch Rural is fully serviced as it grows?

* What mistakes have we made so far?

If we had the chance to do something again, would we do the same as we did last time? If we got it wrong, how do we ensure we don't repeat earlier mistakes?

* What have we done well?

How do we reinforce the things we've done well?

* How can our residents be motivated to keep up the momentum of the basic drives of the program?

Once the basic crime-prevention measures are in place and everyone in the area is comfortable with the processes what do we do next? How do we stop complacency from eating away at the success of an Area?

Under the auspices of the Executive of the State Council and the State Co-ordinator's office, a team of 16 past and present members of the program, both police and civilians, have been assembled for a review of Neighbourhood Watch. A series of meetings has already begun and eventually the whole team will gather at the Blue Light Youth Camp at Maldon in August and put the review together as a coherent package. At some stage after that, probably in October, there are plans for a series of meetings with Police command and other State

and District leaders at which the findings will be presented. Sentinel (the Victorian Neighbourhood Watch magazine) will then be extensively used to pass those findings on to all concerned.

It's exciting to know that the very success of this program has made such a review necessary. We've clearly outpaced the early hopes and plans for Neighbourhood Watch and the problems of how to handle growth properly, is one many organisations might wish they had. Let's wish the team well.

HEART ATTACK: Every year, far too many Australians die from a heart attack.

Modern medical treatments can save lives and prevent irreversible damage to the heart muscle. They must be started early to be effective.

Do not wait too long to act, as every minute counts. Learn to recognise the warning signs:

- * Pain in the centre of the chest lasting more than 10 minutes,
- * Pain spreading from the chest to the shoulder, arm, throat or jaw,
- * Sudden, unexplainable collapse.

What to do - Act quickly and decisively. Get to hospital as soon as possible. If an ambulance is not immediately available, have someone drive you. If the person suffering the attack is unconscious, call for help from an ambulance or doctor. Start heart lung resuscitation if you know how.

For information on instruction classes in heart-lung resuscitation contact: The National Heart Foundation, 464 William Street, West Melbourne 3003, phone (03) 329 8511 or St. Johns Ambulance.

SECURITY TIPS: Electronic Banking Security Tips.

These tips are offered to help ensure the convenient and secure use of electronic banking facilities:

- * Keep your card safe
- * Keep your Personal Identification Number (PIN) a secret
- * Be prepared before approaching the terminal
- * Use your hand as a shield to prevent others seeing your PIN as you key it in
- * Remember to take your card, cash and transaction record slip when you complete your transaction
- * Notify your bank immediately if your card has been lost or stolen
- * Notify police if your card is stolen

DOOR TO DOOR SALES: A door to door sale is when a trader sells you goods or services, by contract, outside their normal place of business.

The first approach to you must be made by the trader. It may be at your home, a friends home, your workplace, a shopping centre, trade fair or exhibition.

Do not sign a contract unless you are certain the goods and the price are fair. It is easier to avoid signing than to cancel the contract later.

You have certain rights under the Consumer Affairs Act 1972 if you purchased something costing over \$50. Contact Consumer Affairs Telephone:(03)602 8123

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD AT 7.30P.M. on 10TH. SEPTEMBER, 1990.

ALL WELCOME.

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F6&F7

SEPTEMBER, 1990.

This Newsletter is funded by ETHERIDGE FORD, 241 MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.
Telephone: 870-5200.

CRIME REPORT:

REMEMBER: The incident number represents the reported number of incidents in the street since 1st. December, 1989.

- INCIDENT 18 - Burglary and theft. Jeffrey Dve, between 10.30am & 2.30pm on 23/8. Door to a rear shed was forced and 2 cans of petrol plastic container of battery acid and 3 spray cans of paint were stolen.
- 19 - Burglary. Jeffrey Dve, between 4.30p.m & 7.30pm on 10/8 offenders smashed a hole in the back door, entered premises but stole nothing.
- 20 - Attempted theft of motor car in Jeffrey Dve, between 8pm on 10/8 and 10am on 11/8. Offenders forced drivers door lock removed casing from steering column, removed ignition wires but were unable to start vehicle.
- 21 - Theft. Jeffrey Dve, between 3.30pm on 10/8 & 9am on 11/8, 6 plants 3' high, freshly planted were removed from front garden.
- 1 - Theft. Golden Gve, between 1.30pm & 3.30pm on 8/8 a trailer blue in colour, ornate dark timber bar was hooked up and removed.
- 2 - Theft, Hendra Gve, between 11.30pm on 9/8 & 3am on 20/8, a white 82 toyota Hi Ace was stolen. Vehicle was locked and left in street outside house.
- 2 - Burglary & Theft, Larissa Ave, between 8.15am & 3.30pm on 23/8, offenders removed glaSS FROM TOILET WINDOW and stole Nintendo control deck plus 2 games, 2 gents leather wallets, \$10 cash, Kodak disc camera and 2 sets of earrings.
- 6 - Theft Library, Warrantdyte Rd between 4pm & 6pm on 3/8, 1 backpack carry bag, 1 large blue vinyl coat, school text books were stolen from foyer where victim had left same.

A Neighbourhood awareness display will be held at Eastland Shopping Centre and Target Square on the 16th. & 17th. November. It will be a static display staffed by Neighbourhood Watch Zone Leaders and Personnel.

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BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR HANDBAG/WALLET/BRIEFCASE

Police report that handbag thefts are on the increase and have prepared a list of precautions to take which they say apply equally to wallets, briefcases, cheque books and the money purses many men carry these days.

Carry only items that you need. Con't carry excess cash. If you need to have a large amount of cash with you, be careful not to let others see it. Don't take a wad of notes from your purse or wallet and peel one off in full view - someone may be tempted to relieve you of the burden.

Ensure your handbag or briefcase has a strong, secure handle or strap.

Make sure your handbag is zipped or fastened securely except when you need to use it.

In a supermarket, always carry your bag, don't put it in the trolley. Leaving the trolley for just a few moments while selecting items is long enough for a thief.

On returning to your car with a laden trolley, keep your eyes on your handbag. Don't leave it in the trolley while unlocking the boot or car door; and don't leave it on the car seat while loading the boot.

Don't put your bag down on a bench, counter or seat. A time when people don't pay much attention to their bags is when they are optimistically scratching an Instant Tatts ticket. You'd be surprised how many bags are left open on a nearby bench.


At the theatre or restaurant be careful where you put your bag. If tempted to put it under your seat out of view, bear in mind that it may not be there when you go to get it.

Ensure the contents of your bag do not give away too much information about you if your bag is stolen. Do not carry your Personal Identification Number with your credit card and most certainly do not write the PIN on the card. If you have a cheque card, carry it separately from your cheque book; a thief needs both to be able to cash cheques.

The next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting will be at Mullum Primary School, Panfield Avenue at 7.30p.m. on Monday 8th. October. ALL WELCOME.

SOME ALARMING CAR FIGURES!

Car burglary and theft has doubled in the previous 12 months. But you will be very surprised at how cheaply and quickly we can rectify this situation. We have the right car alarm to suit your vehicle and your budget. Call us now to protect your valuable asset.

Etheridge  **Ringwood**
241 Maroondah Highway,
Ringwood. **8705200**



EMERGENCY POLICE ATTENDANCE TELEPHONE 11 444

CRIME REPORT: Remember - the incident number represents the reported number of incidents in the street since 1st. December, 1989

- INCIDENT
- 3 Attempted burglary between 28/8 & 7/9, offenders jemmied side door of a house in Mullum Rd. Deadlocks prevented entry.
 - 4 THEFT between 11pm on 15/9 & 8.15am on 16/9 offenders stole assorted potted plants from front verandah of a house in Mullum Rd
 - 3 Burglary & Theft between 5pm & 11pm on 22/9, offenders forced bathroom window of a house in Glencairn Ave & stole numerous household items and jewellery.
 - 1 Wilful Damage between 11.30pm on 15/9 & 8am on 16/9, offenders damaged letter box of a house in Ronald Street.
 - 2 Wilful Damage at approx. 8pm on 18/9, a brick was thrown through rear bedroom window of a house in Sonia Street.
 - 1 Wilful Damage between 8.30pm on 15/9 & 9am on 16/9, the front letter box of a house in Sunhill Ave was kicked in.
 - 3 Wilful Damage between 9.30pm on 21/9 & 9am on 22/9, letter box of a house in Larissa Ave was broken.
 - 7 Between 9am & 5pm on 19/9 unknown offenders attempted to force open a car door of a vehicle parked in car park in Warrantdyte Rd. Only damage was to lock of car.

**** Ringwood Police are holding a woman's wallet containing \$17.55 found near Ringwood Aquatic Centre. ****

RAPE & YOU (Middlebrook & Courts) On Sat. Aug. 18th a little after 4.00am a rapist broke one of my windows AND broke down my laundry door with his body and before I was able to phone the 11444 he beat me up and tried to rape me. I'm 50 years old, a school teacher, I had judo classes 22 years ago, and as my life was in danger, I fought for my life. I beat off the man and was able to escape with concussion, black eye, bruises on head and body. Throughout the entire time I screamed at the top of my lungs "HELP, HELP, HELP." Very many of you heard my cries for help - it was a very quiet night - but none of you cared enough to phone the police. The experienced rapist is about 5'10" of stocky build and wears stocking over his head and gloves. He has been surveying the neighborhood and you need to keep in mind that both single AND married women are at risk of rape. I feel very angry that the ONLY time I have asked a neighbour for help, no neighbour cared enough to pick up the phone. I am one of the original owners (11 yrs. ago this area was built). I have been a quiet and respectful and helpful neighbour, have taught several of the children from our neighbourhood, have taught children to care, to be involved etc. BUT it is quite obvious that INDIFFERENCE prevails among us. If it had not been for my courage I might have been killed or raped. I don't want to live in such uncaring neighbourhood anymore, so I'll be leaving tomorrow. So much for "Neighbourhood Watch"!!!!

THE CHANCE OF A HOLIDAY AFTER 8 YEARS. HOW?

Having 2 or 3 residents within each Zone volunteer to do one month's duty each 3rd or 4th month for your Zone Leader or street captain or newsletter deliverer who has for the last eight years been your newsletter deliverer.

- The time required each month is
- A. attend meeting at Mullum Primary School, Panfield Ave for NOT MORE than one hour
 - B. deliver newsletters during the next two weeks maximum for about twenty to thirty minutes depending upon how many friends YOU run into to chat with.

If you don't know your Zone Leader's name and telephone number ring either
BOB WILLIAMS on 870-6101 OR
FRANK VAN RYSWYK on 870-1294.

Then ring your Zone Leader and say thanks mate for eight years and we'll give you a hand on a regular basis by doing your task once every two or three months.

PREVENT UNDER INSURANCE:

Now is the time of year when many people choose to make home improvements - houses are repainted, swimming pools put in for the summer, old furniture replaced, and extensions added. It is also the time of year when families depart for their summer holidays. These are both good reasons for reassessing the value of your home and contents during the next few weeks. Home improvements should be assessed because your existing insurance may not cover these additions to your property's value. Also, make sure you're not underinsured before you go away on holiday because vacant houses are those most at risk. A surprising number of people understate the value of their home and contents in order to save a few dollars on the cost of their annual premium. This approach, according to Mr. David Roos, Victorian State Manager of Commercial Union Insurance, is placing many home owners in serious financial jeopardy. "Understanding the value of home and possessions really defeats the purpose of insurance," said Mr. Roos. "Unless home owners regularly and accurately reassess the value of their assets, in the event of a claim, they could find themselves out of pocket to the tune of thousands of dollars." If a house is only insured for 75% of its total rebuilding cost, in the event of it being completely destroyed, insurance companies would pay out the policy sum insured, but the difference would have to be met by the policyholder. In the case of a claim for partial destruction, an "average" clause can also disadvantage a policyholder. For example, some insurance companies will argue that a policyholder who has taken out cover which amounts to 75% of the house's rebuilding cost is only entitled to receive an equivalent percentage of the cost of repairing the damage. In other words the policyholder must share the cost of their underinsurance, whether deliberate or unintentional. Fortunately, Commercial Union does not have such an "average" or "co-insurance" claims settlement clause in its policy, and would pay out in full. However, both examples illustrate how easily policyholders could find themselves out of pocket as a result of not accurately assessing the true value of their property.

EMERGENCY POLICE ATTENDANCE TELEPHONE 11 444

Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting to be held at Mullum Primary School, Panfield Avenue, Ringwood at 7.30p.m. on 12th. November, 1990. ALL WELCOME.



EMERGENCY POLICE ATTENDANCE 11 444

OCTOBER CRIME STATISTICS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRINTING TIME.

A neighbourhood awareness display will be held at Eastland Shopping Centre and Target Square on the 16th. and 17th. November. It will be a static display staffed by Neighbourhood Watch Zone Leaders and Personnel.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: There has been an alarming increase in credit card fraud over the last four years. The following hints may help to arrest this increase:

- * Be aware of the location of your cards, especially if you use them infrequently. This will enable you to report loss or theft immediately.
- * Cards should be kept with personal belongings and not left in vehicles or unattended places.
- * If the card is stolen or lost, the holder should ensure they notify the police or relevant Bank immediately. The police do not notify the Banks of the theft or loss.
- * Ensure the card is returned to you by sale people immediately upon completion of a transaction to prevent loss or fraudulent use.
- * Notify banks immediately an unauthorised transaction comes to your notice.
- * Memorise your PIN number. Do not write it down where it can be located with the card.

N.B. DO NOT WRITE ON THE CARD.

Please use this information and we may find that by working together we can reduce the cost and number of offences involving "plastic money".

STREE REFERENCES, HOUSE NUMBERS: It has been suggested that residents can give the partnership between the Victorian Police and Neighbourhood Watch a tremendous boost by always giving the Melways street map reference to the police telephone operators who man the switchboard on 11444. This small, but very useful, piece of information can then be passed on to the police vehicle designated to attend the call - enabling them to find the address more quickly and efficiently.

The call to D24 would then go something like this:
 "This is Mr. Smith of Dunbarton Drive, Wantirna, my street reference is Melways map 63, K5. I want to report a burglary in progress

P.S. The next thing to make sure of it that your house number is prominent and clearly visible from the street, especially at night.

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TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Do you think our traffic offences fines severe, or too light? Here's the "Shame File" Japanese style.....

Police Life was intrigued to read of the Japanese solution to consistently careless driving and a rising road toll — they established the only jail in the world for traffic offenders. Could we ever see Victorian speedsters in solitary confinement? "How the Japanese Take Offence", by Peter Hartcher, is reproduced in part here courtesy of *Good Weekend*.

The Japanese introduced tough road rules some 20 years ago, when their road toll was killing 15,000 people a year, the equivalent of a third of the population of Darwin. This was cause for national outrage.

The total numbers were big, but the Japanese were moved to drastic measures when the rate of road deaths was still relatively low, 13 people were being killed in road accidents each year per 100,000 of the population. This is about 30 per cent lower than Australia has ever managed to achieve. At the moment, the Japanese road death rate is about half the Australian and the lowest in the industrialised world.

Japan's national outrage produced the strict road rules, but the rules alone did not supply a full solution to Japan's problem; there was still the nagging difficulty of how to deal with the people caught breaking them. Another piece of asphalt asceticism was required.

Its name is Ichihara prison, the only jail in the world dedicated solely to traffic offenders. Getting in can be quite easy. Some of its inmates did nothing

more than break the speed limit three times. Getting out is harder. The average term for its 300 or so inmates is six months, but sentences can be as long as three years.

Ichihara prison could almost pass for an ordinary low-security jail, but there are telltale signs that its inmates have special needs: the posters in the auditorium that read, "Keep your distance. Fasten your seatbelt. Keep to the speed limit"; the driving simulators, resembling amusement-parlour car games; the equipment to test driving skills. Most obviously, there is the small driving course.

"Men like you who have received a sentence of imprisonment for breaking the traffic laws are rotten to the core. We will deal with you severely. We will straighten you out." With these words, Ichihara warders greet new arrivals at the jail.

The new inmates are locked into very grim, heavily barred cells. The food is austere. Each cell contains only one man. A prisoner may not even call out for the attention of a warder. He may only display a small flag. Warders prowl the concrete corridor on a linoleum strip to deaden the sound of their steps.

The average prisoner is 33 years old and equipped with an average ration of intelligence, as measured by prison IQ tests. If not a professional driver, he is probably a salesman, labourer or office worker. In short, these are ordinary people who broke the traffic laws.

Every day, the average prisoner will bow long and low before the stone slab

Monument of Atonement. It is inscribed: "I reflect on my sins and pledge to redeem myself to society." If he caused a fatal accident, he will visit the prison's Buddhist temple. On the anniversary of the victim's death, the prisoner is expected to pay a priest to visit the shrine and offer prayers for the victim.

There has never been an escape attempt from Ichihara. This might be because the prisoner's real punishment awaits him outside its perimeter.

If he has held a position of any seniority before his arrest, he usually cannot expect to do so again. And, if he has maimed or killed, and more than half have, the offender must make another reparation. For most, it is a lifelong reparation. Japanese society expects him to pay for the care of the maimed or compensation for the dead. If he cannot pay, he might agree to contribute his own time and effort. These undertakings are made in private agreements. Litigation is rare.

Is Ichihara a success?

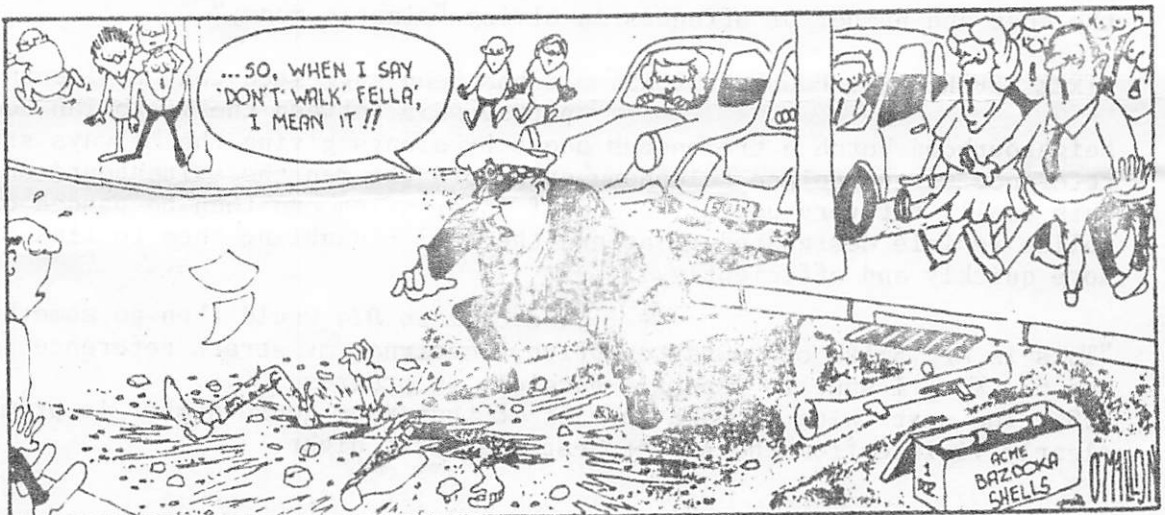
The Ministry of Justice says so, and so does the jail administration, but that is hardly surprising — only 5 per cent of the prison's inmates have been there before, less than one-third the recidivism rate of the general prison system.

Another indicator is the view of Yoshiomi Tamai, head of the Society for Educational Aid for Traffic Orphans and a respected commentator: "The existence of this type of prison is quite an effective deterrent. Monetary fines alone are not enough."

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**LOCK UP
AND
LOOK OUT!**



COMMERCIAL UNION INSURANCE - COMMUNITY CARING

THE LAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON
10TH. DECEMBER AT 7.30P.M. AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD. ALL WELCOME.



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F6 & F7

DECEMBER 1990

EMERGENCY POLICE ATTENDANCE TELEPHONE 11444

CRIME REPORT: REMEMBER - the incident number represents the reported number of incidents in the street since 1st December 1989.

- INCIDENT 1** Theft between 5.30pm on the 7/11 and 8am on 8/11. Offender scaled security fence of car shop in Maroondah H'way, broke into a car and removed car parts.
- 2** Theft between 12.30pm on 1/11 and 10am on 3/11. Offenders entered show room at above address and stole McIntosh Computer, twin floppy disc and key board.
- 3** Attempted theft. Between 11pm on 26/11 and 9.40am on 27/11 offender entered vehicle, rolled vehicle down street but was unable to start due to kill switch. Vehicle was parked in town house in Lauriston Court.
- 3** Criminal damage. Between 5.30pm on 5/11 and 9am on 6/11, offenders smashed windscreens on four vehicles in car yard in Maroondah Highway.
- 3** Deception. At 5.30pm on 10/11, female offender attended shop in Oban Rd and purchased a large quantity of flooring and paid for flooring with cheque from stolen cheque book.
- 2** Burglary/Theft. Between 8.30am on 19/11 and 10.30am on 19/11, offenders entered premises in Ronald St and stole microwave, disc player, video, cassette and numerous other articles valued at \$10,300.
- 22** Theft. Between 4pm on 28/11 and 8am on 29/11 offender forced passenger side window and stole wallet containing \$1,250 from tray under glove box. Car was parked in driveway in Jeffrey Dve.
- 1** Wilful Damage. Between 9pm on 29/11 and 6.30am on 30/11 offenders smashed letter box of a house in Ambrie Ave.

CRIME STATISTICS:		House burglaries	Total Crime
Area F6	1/7/88 to 30/6/89	11	37
	1/7/89 to 30/6/90	12	36
Area F7	1/7/88 to 30/6/89	8	30
	1/7/89 to 30/6/90	6	32

House burglaries and total crime have dropped dramatically since launch of Neighbourhood Watch in 1984.

WHILST ON VACATION:

Prior to leaving, suspend all deliveries, mail, milk, etc., have a neighbour collect advertising material etc from letter box, arrange to keep paths and driveways free of papers and any other debris, create an awareness amongst neighbours of your intended absence and ask them to be alerted to persons acting suspiciously and to vehicles in close proximity.

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COMMERCIAL UNION INSURANCE - COMMUNITY CARING

Always alert police of any unusual circumstances and supply them address whilst absent from the residence. Don't leave keys hidden for others to use because they are often found by intruders. Lock away garden tools, ladders etc., which could be a handy burglar aid. Try to give the premises a "lived in" appearance and leave shades and blinds as normal. Have neighbours collect advertising material and ask neighbours not to inform callers that you are on holiday.

Record serial numbers of appliances and engrave or mark properly for identification. Consider using the most secure room in the house to store valuables. Ensure that locks are adequate. In many cases, the offender simply opens the door from inside the residence and removes property. Locks requiring a key operation from either side are essential for doors with glass panels or doors having adjacent panes of glass. Window locks or security grills will make windows more secure. Interior doors should be locked (and keys removed) to minimise the opportunity of movement within the residence. Glass panes of louvre windows should be made non-removable.

DEAD LOCKS VERY MUCH ALIVE!

IN THE BEGINNING: The earliest kind of lock was used in ancient Egypt about 2000BC. Keys small enough to put on a key ring were introduced by the Romans. During the Middle Ages and later, very ingenious and complicated iron locks were made, especially in Germany. The notched key for spring locks came about at the turn of the 18th. Century.

LINUS YALE: During the 19th. century, an American, Linus Yale, developed the modern-day pin tumbler lock. This was a breakthrough for improved security and at the same time providing quality and performance. Yale introduced his new lock to world markets and like Ford his name has become a household word.

SECURITY WHERE IT COUNTS: Today, numerous burglaries occur through unlocked front or back doors and windows. Inferior or inadequate locks are NO deterrent to housebreakers.

KEEP BURGLARS OUT: A dead latch or dead bolt is your best bet. These are easy to install, can be random keyed, keyed alike, master keyed or whatever your application requires. The specialists are there to help you. To secure your "castle", choose from a broad range of reputable locks which are available from leading hardware stores and locksmiths, at affordable prices.

ADVANTAGES: The advantage of a dead latch or dead bolt is that you need a key to open the door from the inside when the lock is in the dead lock position. These locks are available for surface mounting on most types of doors, whatever their width and size. Fitting can either be do-it-yourself or by a competent tradesman or locksmith.

WINDOWS: The advent of easy-to-fit window locks is another deterrent now available to the householder. Thieves are usually in a hurry and do not like the hassle provided by good security. They would rather try "Next Door".

WORDS OF WISDOM: Remember what Linus Yale said: "A good lock keeps out the uninvited and gives you peace of mind".



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F6 & F7

FEBRUARY, 1991.

EMERGENCY POLICE ATTENDANCE TELEPHONE 11444

CRIME REPORT - REMEMBER - THE INCIDENT NUMBER REPRESENTS THE REPORTED NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE STREET SINCE 1ST. DECEMBER 1989.

- INCIDENT 4 WILFUL DAMAGE: Between 3.30am and 4.00pm on 20/1 an offender smashed mail box situated at front of house in Oban Rd.
- 5 WILFUL DAMAGE: Between midnight and 7am on 20/1 offender smashed a second mail box of a house in Oban Rd.
- 1 WILFUL DAMAGE: Between 7pm on 4/1 and 2am on the 5/1, an unknown person smashed windscreen of a vehicle parked in Panfield Ave.
- 2 BURGLARY/THEFT: Between 11am on 20/1 and 11.30am on the 25/1 an offender entered unlocked garage under house in Panfield Ave and stole items valued at \$1360. Items included Cecil Walker 12 speed bicycle blue/white, Makita circular power saw, Makita cordless drill, Therma rest closed cell foam sleeping mat.
- 1 THEFT: Between 12midnight and 3am on 18/1, thieves removed a brown wooden mail box from a house in Rollington Dve.
- 4 THEFT: Between 1pm on 10/1 and 7.30am on 16/1 whilst victim was away on holidays, thieves entered an unlocked garage of a house in Glencairn Ave and stole a 1984 Holden Berline Blue Sedan valued at \$18,000.
- 7 BURGLARY: Between 1.45pm and 5.20pm on the 9/1 a TEAC VCR and TD valued at \$750 were stolen from a house in Warrandyte Rd.
- 8 BURGLARY: Between 2.10am and 2.15am on the 29/1 thieves stole 20 disposable syringes from a shop in Warrandyte Rd. Thieves decamped by smashing rear window when Police checked front.
- 4 BURGLARY/THEFT: Between 4pm on 12/1 and 9am on 15/1 thieves entered rear shed in car yard in Maroondah Highway and stole assorted items valued at \$220.
- 5 BURGLARY/THEFT: Between 4pm on 26/1 and 8am on 29/1 thieves entered a factory on Maroondah Highway and stole tools and left in a van - a 1986 white toyota Hi-Ace.
- 6 BURGLARY/THEFT: Between 7pm on 26/1 and 8.45am on 28/1 offenders entered car yard in Maroondah Highway and stole tools valued at \$250.
- 7 THEFT: Between 5pm on 26/1 and 8.45am on 28/1 offenders entered a motor car shop in Maroondah Highway and stole Pioneer radio cassette player from a car whose windscreen wipers and rear panels were damaged. Total theft and damage were \$1000.
- 8 CRIMINAL DAMAGE: Between 5.30am and 5.40am on 28/1 an offender broke 3 windows of a factory in Maroondah Highway assessed at \$ 900.



COMMERCIAL UNION INSURANCE - COMMUNITY CARING

1991 MEETING DATES - HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD.

MONDAY	-	FEBRUARY	11TH., 1991.	
TUESDAY	-	MARCH	12TH., 1991	Guest speaker.
MONDAY	-	APRIL	15TH., 1991	
MONDAY	-	MAY	13TH., 1991	Guest speaker.
TUESDAY	-	JUNE	11TH., 1991	

NO MEETING JULY

MONDAY	-	AUGUST	12TH., 1991	
MONDAY	-	SEPTEMBER	9TH., 1991	Guest speaker.
MONDAY	-	OCTOBER	14TH., 1991	
MONDAY	-	NOVEMBER	11TH., 1991	Guest speaker.
MONDAY	-	DECEMBER	9TH., 1991	Christmas get together.

POLICE HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL ABOVE MEETINGS.

PHONE PHONEYS

In the October edition of Sentinel we passed on some tips regarding telephones. These were:

- * Avoid telling a stranger on the phone that you are home alone.
- * If you allow young children to answer the phone, teach them to answer politely, ask who is calling and then get an adult.
- * Discourage children conversing with someone they don't know as they may accidentally give inappropriate information.

Many people have asked for more information, and have offered the following suggestions:

- * Consider getting a "silent" number. It costs a little extra to have an unlisted number, but it is usually worth the initial trouble of having to let your friends/associates know the new number.
- * If you receive an unwanted call from a charity or survey group, obtain their full particulars, ask how they got your number, and contact them in writing requesting your details be removed from their files.
- * Think twice before giving your credit card number over the phone when purchasing an item or making a donation, unless you originated the call or you know who you are speaking to.
- * Consider having a whistle near your phone to use if you receive a nuisance call. Blowing the whistle then hanging up may rid you of the pest.
- * Avoid conversing with nuisance callers.
- * If the caller says they have a wrong number and asks you what your number is, instead of telling them, ask what number they dialled.
- * If a stranger comes to your door wanting to use your phone, ascertain if it is an emergency. If so, maybe you would consider taking the details from them, and making the call yourself. This is a better idea than letting a stranger into your home.
- * If you are bothered by a persistent nuisance caller, contact your local Telecom office. Report the incidents, giving as much detail as you can. They may be able to trace the caller.

Please DO use your phone when you see something you think the Police may be interested in. It may be a suspicious vehicle, or someone loitering in your neighbourhood. Please, give us the opportunity to check, by telephoning 11 444 straight away.



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MARCH 1991

FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR TELEPHONE 11444

CRIME REPORT: REMEMBER - The incident number represents the reported number of incidents since 1st. December, 1989.

- INCIDENT: 23 THEFT** In the early hours of 24/2/91, offenders entered locked Toyota vehicle parked in driveway in Jeffrey Drive and stole brief case, credit cards, licence and keys to Volvo parked in front of Toyota. This latter vehicle was rolled into neighbours yard and keys were used to steal Volvo valued at \$15,000.
- 2 THEFT** Between 11.30pm on 1/2 and 8am on 2/2 a Holden 1972 Premier Sedan white valued at \$1700 was stolen from outside a house in Sunhill Ave. Vehicle was locked,, parked on street, but had no special steering lock fitted.
- THEFT** Victim rode Orion Mountain Bike blue to school on 8/2 and forgot. When victim returned at 8pm to collect, bike valued at \$240 had disappeared.
- 6 THEFT** At 10.45pm on 11/2, offender pulled up at Service Station in Oban Rd, put \$10 worth of petrol in his tank and absconded without paying.
- 8 THEFT** At 11am on 1/2 offender hired \$800 worth of equipment from firm in Maroondah Highway. Hirer cannot be located. Equipment consisted of dumpy level with staff and tripod.
- 9 THEFT** At 6pm on 30/1 offender took red bike valued at \$3022 from a caryard in Maroondah Highway for a test run and never returned.
- 1**
BURGLARY/THEFT At 8.20pm on 8/2 offender kicked in front door of a house in Leonard St and stole red/pink jewellery box containing assorted jewellery valued at \$2,600.
- 9 THEFT** Between 9pm on 13/2 and 7.30am on 14/2, offenders stole 1969 Holden white Sedan valued at \$1,000 from house in Warrandyte Road. The vehicle was locked and had steering lock fitted.
- 1 THEFT** Between 5.25am and 5.30am on 18/2, offenders stole Ford Panel Van from house in Bardia St. They then set alight 2 cans of petrol. 3 whipper snippers and car stereo cassette were also stolen.
- 10**
BURGLARY Between 16/2 and 19/2 offenders forced side door of factory in Maroondah Highway. Office was ransacked but nothing was stolen.
- 11**
BURGLARY Between 5.10pm on 18/2 and 7.50am on 19/2 offenders entered factory in Maroondah Highway, disconnected security system and removed \$200 cash.

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BURGLARY Between 4pm on 26/2 and 8.10am on 27/2 offenders entered office in Maroondah Highway and stole national Panasonic Fax machine, Minolta Photocopier, Brother electronic typewriter and 2 engineering drawing pen sets - total value \$8,750.
- 2
BURGLARY Between 11.45am and 3pm on 15/2, offenders stole 2 pearl necklaces, solid silver necklace, 2 sets pearl earrings, set gold earrings total value \$825 from house in Wonga Rd. Offender jemmied front door.
- 6
BURGLARY On 2/2 offender gained entry to factory in Oban Rd by driving stolen Hi-Ace van into roller door causing \$500 damage.
- 13
BURGLARY Between 4.30pm on 10/2 and 7.30am on 11/2 offender jemmied front door and ransacked office of nursery in Maroondah Highway. Nothing was stolen.
- 1
BURGLARY At 9.45pm on 23/2 victim arrived home to find light on inside house in Suda Ave. On entering he found video and TV disturbed and heard offender jumping over back fence.
- 1
BURGLARY At 3.50pm on 17/2 offender smashed rear bathroom window of a house in Wattle Av. Victim woke and offender decamped out window.
- 5
WILFUL DAMAGE Between 5pm on 15/2 and 6.30am on 16/2 offenders smashed 2 windows and painted graffiti on lockers at school in Mullum Rd - damage \$210.
- 3
WILFUL AND OFFENSIVE EXPOSURE At 2.30pm on 8/2 at Mullum Creek near Turnbull Crt, offender was standing on south side of creek baked and masturbating. He was clearly visible to people passing by. He is male, about 20 years, 6 feet tall, solid, brown hair.
- 14
CRIMINAL DAMAGE Between 5pm on 5/2 and 9am on 6/2, offender smashed front plate glass window \$2,300 of a shop in Maroondah Highway.

Sponsor for Neighbourhood Watch over the next three years will be:

THE STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Sponsorship commences APRIL 1991.

SECURITY: Today, numerous burglaries occur through unlocked front or back doors, windows, garages and cars. Don't leave anything to chance. A good lock keeps out the uninvited and gives you peace of mind.

APRIL MEETING WILL BE ON THE 8TH. AND NOT 15TH. AS PRINTED IN FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

SOME ALARMING CAR FIGURES!

Car burglary and theft has doubled in the previous 12 months. But you will be very surprised at how cheaply and quickly we can rectify this situation. We have the right car alarm to suit your vehicle and your budget. Call us now to protect your valuable asset.

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APRIL 1991

FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR TELEPHONE 11 444

CRIME REPORT - REMEMBER - THE INCIDENT NUMBER REPRESENTS THE REPORTED NUMBER OF INCIDENTS SINCE 1ST. DECEMBER, 1989,.

INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
1	THEFT	NORMAN AVE	Between 12.30pm and 1.45pm on the 1/3 offender stole 1981 red Suzuki Solo Motor Cycle valued at \$300 from front yard.
2	THEFT	J'TION ST	Between 4pm on 20/3 and 7am on 23/3, 2 picture frames with prints, 1 picture frame with photo, pottery ornaments, \$100, were removed from victims house at different times. No sign of forced entry.
2	THEFT	W'DYTE RD	Between 1pm & 4.16pm on 20/3 a Repco Hot Foot silver BMX bike, \$200 was stolen from library porch.
5	THEFT	T'BULL CRT	Between 7.15am on 7/3 & 10.10pm on 11/3 offenders gained entry to a 1977 Ford Escort GL Sedan, orange, value \$4000 and decamped in same.
1	THEFT	BYRON ST	Between 6pm on 3/3 & 10.40am on 6/3, an Evenrude outboard motor value \$550 was stolen from boat parked in driveway.
2	THEFT	SONIA ST	Between midnight & 7am on 8/3, Lankhar AM/FM stereo car radio, fire extinguisher valued at \$240 was stolen from an unlocked car.
6	THEFT	MULLUM RD	Between 9am on 12/3 & 6.30pm on 13/3 a green sabco sprinkler system valued at \$25 was stolen from front garden.
24	THEFT	J'REY DVE	Between 6pm on 7/3 & 6.30am on 8/3 1 Dick Smith brand Hornet 2 CB radio with 5' whop arial, valued at \$250 was stolen from vehicle parked on nature strip. Access was gained through ununlockable vent window.
3	THEFT	P'PECT CRT	Between midnight on 15/3 & 5.30pm on 17/3 a light blue 26" Road Chief 5 speed boys bike was stolen from front yard.
2	THEFT	GOLDEN GVE	Between midnight on 17/3 & 9am on 20/3 a cypress pine tree valued at \$50 was removed from front garden.
1	ASSAULT/ ROBBERTY	MULLUM CRK	At 4.50pm on 11/3, 2 offenders walked a short way with victim and one took a knife from his pocket then replaced the knife. 2 offenders then attacked the victim punching him and kicking him and removing his runners - Addidas Tortion 4000 running shoes valued at \$120



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INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
2	BURGLARY	SUDA AVE	Between 6.30pm on 23/3 & 12.30pm on 24/3, offenders entered house through broken laundry window and stole 1 silver brand CD player, black in colour, 1 NEC VCR black in colour, value \$1050.
6	WILFUL & OBSCENE EXPOSURE	PRATT ST	At 7.30pm on 4/3, a male 28 years old, dark hair, medium build, dropped his pants and exposed himself.
2	WILFUL & OBSCENE EXPOSURE	NORWOOD F'ball GROUND	At 3.05pm on 12/3, an offender exposed himself to victim whilst she was walking through parkland.

In addition to the above crime, there were eight additional crimes committed on businesses in Maroondah Highway and Oban Rds. Although not in our area, we should be alert if we see anything suspicious. Telephone 11 444 for immediate Police attendance.

ZONE NEWS: Firstly, this month it is with pleasure that we welcome Zone 23 of Area F6 back from its recess period. Julius Rustichalli, with assistance from David Matthews will co-ordinate the residents needs in this zone. Both Julius and David live close together in Wingrove Place. Welcome to you both and we are happy to have Zone 23 rejoin us.

Secondly, Zone 10 in Area F6 (i.e. Oliver Street) area has had Julia Fullerton as their Zone representative since early 1985 (i.e. 6 years and some children ago.) Now Julia is some 5.6 months pregnant. Julia has given you 6 years. Surely, there is some resident in Oliver Street who will give Julia some relief.

THE NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT

MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, 7.30P.M. ON 13TH. MAY, 1991.

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF:-

1. A violent windstorm took the roof off your house?
2. A tree from your block or your next door neighbours block falls onto your house?

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND IMMEDIATE RELIEF IS NECESSARY TO SEE YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT.

IF YOUR BLOCK BECOMES FLOODED OR WORSE STILL IS POSSIBLY SURROUNDED BY FIRES AND YOU NEED TO GET OUT.

WHO WOULD YOU CALL FOR ASSISTANCE?

WHO ASSISTS WITH:-

- (a) Freeing drivers and passengers from crashed cars?
- (b) Search and rescue of lost hikers, bush walkers or prospectors?
- (c) Lighting for emergency services?

THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS AND MANY SIMILAR ONES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON 13TH MAY, 1991 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE MULLUM MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE, RINGWOOD. PLEASE JOIN US.



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FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR TELEPHONE 11444

CRIME REPORT: REMEMBER - THE INCIDENT NUMBER REPRESENTS THE REPORTED NUMBER OF INCIDENTS SINCE 1ST. DECEMBER, 1989.

INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
2	WILFUL DAMAGE	BYRON ST	Between 12.30am and 12.35am on 6/4 victim heard thud and the sound of youths but did not investigate. In the morning she found her front fence had been damaged. Estimated \$300.
3	WILFUL DAMAGE	BYRON	Between 10.40pm & 10.48pm on 12/4 front brick fence was knocked down by unknown means - estimated damage \$350.
7	THEFT	MULLUM	Between 12.30am & 7.30am on 12/4 a 1986 XF Ford Falcon sedan parked in street valued at \$16600 was entered by unknown means and driven away.
3	THEFT	SUNHILL	Between 10.30pm on 11/4 & 6.30am on 12/4 a red 1983 Fairmont Sedan valued at \$15000 parked in driveway was entered by unknown means and driven away.
1	THEFT	JILL GVE	Between 1.20am & 1.30am on 28/4 a 1983 Toyota Landcruiser green/white was entered. No special steering lock fitted. Offender rolled down hill and crashed into front fence in Linda Ave. Damage \$3000.
5	THEFT	GLENCAIRN	Between 7am & 1pm on 28/4 kitchen utensils plus vacuum cleaner valued at \$450 were removed by tenants when leaving premises.
6	ASSAULT	GLENCAIRN	At 4.30pm on 15/4 victim alleges he was punched in mouth by an offender.

Zone leaders Insurance, which also covers house wives whilst performing N.H.W. is still available for \$ 1.00 Premiums to be paid before 1st July 1991

Our JUNE meeting will be on TUESDAY, 11TH. JUNE at Mullum Primary School, Panfield Avenue, Ringwood North at 7.30P.M. ALL WELCOME

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ON 13TH. MAY, 7.30 P.M. MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL. PLEASE SUPPORT



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JUNE 1991

This Newsletter is funded by Etheridge Ford, 241 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood
Telephone: 870-5200

BASIC SHED CONTENTS

Bicycle	\$250	Lawn Mower	\$500	"Whipper Snipper" (petrol)	\$250
"Webber" BBQ	\$200	Basic Car Tools (socket set, spanners)	\$200		
Basic Woodwork Tools (hammer, chisels, saw, screwdrivers)	\$200				
Electric Drill & Power Saw	\$300	Garden Tools (rake, spade, wheelbarrow, secateurs)	\$250	Ladder	\$200
		Garden Hose, Attachements & reel	\$100		
TOTAL (TYPICAL)		\$2,450			

GARDEN SHEDS: are being targeted more often as most of these are either unlocked or ineffectively locked. Often the shed at the back is overlooked when we lock the house.

The above list of contents is very basic for a typical outer suburban home of the nineties. We have not included any specialised equipment, spare or "two of" items, or items kept in storage for that "one day" need.

These items are not only expensive to replace, but many implements contained in the average shed can be used as lethal weapons, or to help gain access to the house or to vandalise the premises.

WOULD YOUR INSURANCE COVER THIS....?

FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR, TELEPHONE 11444

CRIME REPORT: Remember - the incident number represents the reported number of incidents since 1st. December, 1989.

INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
3	WILFUL DAMAGE HOUSE	SONIA ST	Between 11pm on 11/5 and 10am on 12/5, a wooden letter box valued at \$20 was smashed.
2	THEFT -SCHOOL	BYRON ST	Between 8.30am & 4pm on 3/5, a burgundy leather wallet containing \$150 cash, pair gold drop earrings, drivers licence & credit cards, was stolen from school staff work room.
3	THEFT-SCHOOL	BYRON ST	Between 6pm on 24/5 and 6.30am on 27/5, a padlock key was removed from co-ordinator's office and padlocks valued at \$200 were removed from doors under school.
7	THEFT	GLENCAIRN AVE	Between 7.30pm on 15/5 & 10.30am on 16/5 a 1976 green toyota sedan was stolen. Vehicle was locked on street. No special steering lock or alarm was fitted.
25	THEFT	JEFFREY DVE	Between 10am on 14/5 & 12am on 15/5, tracksuit, track pants, windcheater, Esprit brand and a green windcheater, value \$240 were stolen from clothesline.



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INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
3	THEFT	WARRANTYTE RD	Between 3pm & 9.40pm on 27/5, 2 victorian reg. plates were stolen from car in hospital car park.
15	THEFT SURGERY	MAROONDAH HWY	Between 10am on 16/5 & 12am on 17/5, a ½ ton of cut fire wood was removed
8	BURGLARY/ THEFT	MULLUM RD	Between 9am & 3pm on 1/5, an intruder broke back window and stole \$15 cash and tupperware container.
16	BURGLARY/ THEFT	MAROONDAH HWY	Between 6pm on 22/5 & 8.30am on 25/5, offenders cut lock to garage and stole Stihl chainsaw, rover garden shredder, 2 can of fuel, total value \$1660
4	CRIMINAL DAMAGE BY FIRE	BYRON ST	Between 6pm on 24/5 & 6.30pm on 27/5 a brush fence at school was set alight. Damage \$1700
2	POSSESSION OF PISTOL	WATTLE AVE	At 9.15am on 15/5 a house was searched with warrant and sawn off .22 rifle found.
1	CRIMINAL DAMAGE BY FIRE	FRAN CRT	About 1.40am on 4/5 offender opened vehicle and then set fire to blanket in back section of S/W. \$2000 damage.
8	THEFT	OBAN RD	At 3.18am on 10/5 an offender was found in car in Oban Rd with tools for housebreaking.
3	BURGLARY	WONGA ROAD	Between 11am and 12.30pm on 27/5, intruder entered house by unlocked kitchen window. Audible alarm activated nothing stolen.

There were 6 other crimes in our area perpetrated on car yards and factories along Maroondah Highway and Oban Rd. If you see anything suspicious in these or any areas, immediately telephone 11444.

THE NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING TO BE HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANFIELD AVENUE RINGWOOD WILL BE ON AUGUST 12TH. THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING. ALL WELCOME.

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AUGUST, 1991.

- 1) How do you make use of your telephone in an emergency?
 - 2) How do you avoid your telephone advising others that you are not at home?
- If you come to our meeting on August 12th. the answer to above and more will be provided.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL

Dear NHW Resident,

This is a personal plea for your assistance.

The publicity given in recent days to the prospect of cuts to the tune of nearly \$50 million in the police budget for 1991/92 is widespread, and the potential consequences are alarming.

Last year cuts of \$9 million were made and crime in Victoria rose by 15%. Those two facts may be coincidental but can we afford to take the chance of a repeat this year?

I write to convey my outrage at the potential consequences if the cuts to the police budget foreshadowed in recent public statements should be made.

On advice received I understand that if a cut of \$47.1 million were made the following would be the potential results:

- the loss of up to 1200 police officers,
- a cut of 59% in the Operations budget of the Police Department which could lead to:
 - 6 out of 10 police cars being taken off the road,
 - 6 out of 10 police stations being closed.

Crime has increased in Victoria in the last 12 months by 15% and it is also the case that the police suffered a cut in their budget in the same period of \$9 million. The prospect of the further cuts we are now being asked to consider is absolutely frightening.

As the public guardian of the well-being of residents in your constituency I look to you for support in providing vehement opposition, not just to the cuts apparently in prospect but to cuts of any kind.

If you share my concern and that of the state council, I ask you to sign the letter your Zone leader is carrying so that you can voice your protest against any cuts being applied to the police budget and we will forward it to the local member of state parliament.

We need your assistance. Please help us to help you by joining your voice to ours.

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FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR, TELEPHONE 11444

INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
4	BURGLARY & THEFT	W'DYTE RD	Between 8pm on 8/6 & 12am on 9/6, offender entered unlocked garage and stole 6 stubbies & 3 bottles of wine valued at \$40.
23	BURGLARY & THEFT (House)	M'DAH H'WAY	Between 5.30pm & 10pm on 30/6, offender removed louvre windows from toilet windows & stole Hitachi VCR, Akai Stereo, CD player & National TV valued at \$2,800.
3	"	SUDA AVE	Between 2pm on 16/6 & 2pm on 17/6, a fender stratocaster electric guitar valued at \$1000 was stolen. No sign of forced entry.
3	"	RUPERT ST	Between 4.30pm on 7/6 & 7.30pm on 9/6, rear door was jemmied and Toshiba CTV, Toshiba AM/FM radio cassette valued at \$650 was stolen.
4	"	SONIA ST	Between 7am on 28/6 & 11.30pm on 30/6, side bedroom window was broken & \$10 in coins were stolen.
3	THEFT OF MOTOR CAR	WATTLE AVE	At 11pm, 1 1972 white Austin sedan, unlocked, valued at \$140 was stolen.
4	"	SUDA AVE	Between 1pm on 23/5 & 2pm on 1/6, a Pioneer stereo cassette player, AWA CB radio valued at \$660 were stolen from a locked vehicle in driveway. No sign of force.
26	THEFT	JEFFREY DVE	Between 5pm on 1/6 & 11am on 2/6, a pair of narva driving lamps valued at \$120 were stolen from a vehicle parked in open car port.
27	THEFT MOTOR CAR	"	Between 9.10pm on 3/6 & 1.15am on 4/6 a 1982 Holden Gemini blue sedan valued at \$7000 was stolen from street.
9	WILFUL DAMAGE (House)	OBAN RD	Between 12pm on 23/6 & 7am on 23/6, 2 taxi taillights valued at \$300 were smashed.
5	BURGLARY & THEFT (Office)	W'DYTE RD	Between 6am & 7.40am on 27/6, offender smashed window & stole \$20 in coins. Offender left jumper and court information with his name on them.
6	CRIMINAL DAMAGE FLAT	"	Between 6.45pm & 8pm on 1/6, offender caused damage of \$600 to a brick retaining wall at front of house.
7	THEFT MEDICAL CENTRE	"	Between 4pm on 7/6 & 10am on 11/6, a green cash box containing \$182 was removed from office draw.
8.	WILFUL DAMAGE LIBRARY	"	Between 9am on 3/6 & 12am on 3/6 offender drew on Library walls and damaged vehicle causing \$426 in damages.
24	BURGLARY THEFT FACTORY	M'DAH HWY	Between 5pm on 17/6 & 7.30am on 18/6 2 oxy cutting sets, 2 rota drills & grinders, 2 welders, 5 rolls wire, hammer drill valued at \$17000 were stolen.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON AUGUST 12TH. NO JULY MEETING.



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SEPTEMBER 1991

YOUR ZONE LEADER IS

TELEPHONE:

THIS NEWSLETTER IS FUNDED BY ETHERIDGE FORD, 241 MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, RINGWOOD.

FOR POLICE AT THE DOOR TELEPHONE 11 444

CRIME REPORT: Remember - The incident number represents the reported number of incidents since December, 1989.

INCIDENT	OFFENCE	STREET	
9	Burglary & Theft	Mullum Rd	Between 1am on 25/8 and 11pm on 26/8 offender attempted to disconnect alarm system but activated same.
1	Theft of Car	Paxton St	Between 5pm on 19/8 & 2.15pm on 21/8 a 1971 white Datsun 1600 sedan valued at \$100 was stolen from street.
2	Theft	Reserve Rd	Between 10.30pm on 20/8 & 9.00am on 21/8 a \$20 number plate was stolen from car.
10	Theft	W'dyte Rd	Between 6.15pm on 3/8 & 12.15am on 4/8 a 1973 Holden Kingswood Sedan, yellow, valued at \$3,500, locked in Masonic Carpark was stolen. No steering lock car alarm fitted.
11	Theft	"	Between 7.20pm & 11pm on 2/8, a 1983 blue Ford Fairmont Sedan valued at \$10,500 was stolen from Masonic Centre car park. No special steering lock or alarm fitted.
4	Theft	Wattle Ave	Between 10pm & 11.20pm on 31/8, an unregistered green 1969 Toyota Sedan was removed from outside address by unknown means.
4	Burglary & Theft School	Byron St	Between 3.15pm on 21/8 and 11.30am on 28/8 door to main assembly hall was taken off hinges and 1 Marantz Cassette Deck, 1 fender side kick amplifier, Serial 104080 value \$1474 were stolen.
26	Burglary & Theft Factory	M'dah H'wy	Between 4pm & 5.30pm on 1/8, offender stole yellow BMX bike valued at \$550 from inside front door of factory.
27	Theft shop	"	At 12.30pm on 21/8 offender entered store, selected items valued at \$229.90, placed them in her school bag & left store without paying. Store alarm sounded due to items being tagged. 1 leather bridle and 7 durbin leather protector wa x polish were taken.
28	Burglary & Theft Office	"	Between 5.45pm on 6/8 & 8.50am on 7/8 front door was jemmied & Tandy Printer, Sharp CTV, Clear Water Chlorinator, Sharp Fax Machine, Poolrite power pump valued at \$4000 were stolen.



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| 29 | Burglary
Theft
Factory | M'dah H'way | At 10.30pm on 10/8, front window was smashed to gain entry and a pantex computer system with Fujistu Printer valued at \$10,000 were stolen. |
| 9 | Attempted
Burglary | Oban Rd | Between 7pm on 30/8 & 7am on 31/8 an unsuccessful attempt was made to jemmy front door of house. |
| 30 | Burglary
& Theft
Office | M'dah H'way | Between 8.30pm on 16/8 & 8.30 am on 17/8 office was ransacked and cash tin containing \$28 was stolen. |
| 2 | Drug
Offences | Strathallyn
Rd | At 10.30am on 22/8 drugs were located at premises as a result of a search warrant. |
| 12 | Theft | W'dyte Rd | Between 9am & 9,30am on 27/8 a 20 months old Staffshire Bull Terrier valued at \$600 was taken from rear yard of premises. |

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AWARENESS WEEK:

As part of the Neighbourhood Watch Awareness Week, on the 18th & 19th October, a poster competition open to all residents' children will be conducted by the thirteen Neighbourhood Watch Areas in Ringwood. Age groups will be 5 to 7, 8 to 9, 10 to 11, and 12 plus.

It is suggested that posters have as their theme:

A NEIGHBOUR IN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.


Posters must be delivered to respective Zone Leaders no later than the 30th. September. A prize will be provided for each age group. Posters will be hung in Eastland, Noted cartoonist W.E.G. will adjudicate.

Presentation of prizes will take place at 4pm Friday 18th. October at Neighbourhood Watch stand in Eastland on Ground Floor adjacent to escalators.

Volunteers are required to assist for an hour or more on the 18th and 19th. October at the Neighbourhood Watch stand.

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