



Forestdale Santa Train 2016

The Santa Float, again this year organised so well by Jennifer Wade and her loyal band of volunteers, remains one of the most enjoyable annual events and together with the many footpath gatherings heralded in Christmas festivities in Forestdale.



Sincere thanks also to the Queensland Police and Emergencies Services folk who freely contribute so much of their time to support the Forestdale Santa Train and indeed all Forestdale community events.

From the vault: The Forestdale Santa train has a long history and has undergone many transformations since it made its first appearance in Forestdale many years past. Many Forestdale residents have in the past and still do, freely devote their time to maintain the Santa train.



The community has been blessed with many talented people who have refurbished and decorated the Santa train over the years.



Jen Halpin was one such person and the colourful artwork remaining on the Santa train was Jen's contribution over many weeks during one such transformation.

Jen pursued a career as an illustrator and after honing her skills in London launched a successful business in Melbourne, where she now resides with her husband Simon. Jen parents still reside in Forestdale and are active supporters of the Neighbourhood Watch and Forestdale community events.

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Hope all Forestdale residents enjoyed a happy and safe New Year.

A number of residents have been enquiring about the white markings on Johnson Road. All Councils have systems that track road pavement condition. These systems enable councils to plan-ahead and budget for pavement refurbishment and if necessary, replacement. The markings on Johnson Road are preparation for the entry of the Johnson Road pavement condition into Brisbane City Council's pavement management system.

Council has recently installed an intelligent flood monitor at the Greenhill Drive Norris Creek crossing. The monitor not only includes an automated warning sign, but also immediate advice to Council of crossing conditions in relation to water levels.

I remind you all of Council's emergency early warning app. It is called 'Logan Early Warning'. Download it from the app store; it is worth it.

Last year's Council budget provided for the purchase of automated speed warning display; one for each division. The Division 7 sign will be located in various locations throughout the division with Forestdale Drive7 sometime round June/July.

Works commencing after 7.00pm are being undertaken on Middle Road for the next three weeks and replacement of the lights on the Wineglass Drive water tower is commencing. Residential development applications for some 120 sites in the Blackwell Street and Anzac Drive precinct as well as along Middle Road for a seventy block sub-division.

Regards
Laurie

Forestdale Web Page



www.forestdale.com.au

A warm welcome to Kevin Croft who has joined the NHW support team as the Forestdale Web monitor. Kevin has taken over from long time web monitor Jacken Kinnard. Jacken and her husband Alan have been involved in numerous positions in the NHW over many years. Thanks to Jacken and Alan for their unselfish support of the NHW over many years.

FORESTDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEBSITE

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Web monitor Kevin Croft



Our Forestdale Community

This is a closed group for our Forestdale Community
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Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch



We ended our year with the Christmas Carols in the Park which was an outstanding success. Due to a generous donation from Gumdale Demolitions and hard work by our volunteers manning the sausage sizzle, our total cost for this event was only \$327.00. Children enjoyed face painting, balloon man and the singing of JC Family Choir. All in all – a great night and a good end to our activities for 2016. Our balance was also assisted by income from our chair & table hire (courtesy Kerry & Richard Tovey).

Opening Balance -	Cheque Account:	\$9,010.35
	Petty Cash:	\$408.51
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		\$9,418.86
Christmas Carols -	Expenses:	\$1,457.00
	Income:	\$1,085.00
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	Event cost:	(\$372.00)
Closing Balance -	Cheque Account:	\$8,650.35
	Petty Cash:	\$849.92
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		\$9,500.27

Police Report



Offenders for one of the early December break and enter incidents have been apprehended and have been charged.

Break & Enter – 11/12/2016 10:00pm – 06:00am Lincoln Green Drive. Occupants home at time of offence. Entry gained through an unlocked security window.

Vehicle stolen – 16/12/2016. Forestdale Drive. During the day from Macca's carpark. Keys left in vehicle.

Break & Enter – 13/01/2017. Westland Court. Disturbing in that residence has dogs and an unsuccessful attempt was made to poison the dogs.

Break & Enter – 19/01/2017 03.30pm – 05.30pm. Lincoln Green Drive.

Forestdale Newsletter Distribution

During the Christmas/New Year period the Neighbourhood Watch executive received an offer from a local business to distribute the NHW Newsletter to all of Forestdale at no cost to the NHW and the community.



The executive investigated and discussed the positives and negatives of the offer and delivered a report to the February Meeting (summarised below) along with a motion to accept the offer which was moved and passed by the meeting.

The executive's deliberations centred around the points:

- Many residents enjoy the printed copy of the newsletter over a purely electronic version;
- Distribution of the newsletter provides an engagement for the Zone and Block coordinators;
- The effort undertaken in maintaining the distribution team and indeed expanding it to relieve the load on three of four individuals who distribute over 20% of the newsletters;

Consequently, it was decided that the executive would:

- Recommend to the NHW meeting that we accept the free distribution offer;
- Examine other opportunities to actively involve the Zone and Block coordinators; this has commenced.

The executive and the newsletter team wish to pass on sincere appreciation to the many individuals who have freely contributed their time to this important community communication channel.

Forestdale Bush Telegraph



Send your email address to Jenny to receive notices and lots of information about the neighbourhood.

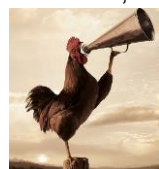
You can place a *for Sale/Wanted ad*, post a *missing pet* or *share information*

beneficial to our community.

Jenny Wade at the following email address. Privacy assured. jennifer@jfoodbrokers.com.au



Rhiannan, from Logan City Council's Animal Management attends every Forestdale NHW monthly meetings and provides information and answers enquiries with respect to animal management in Logan.



One of the issues that Logan Animal management encounter are roosters. Land owners must be on block greater than 5,000m² to have a rooster.



Hot weather poses several risks to our community. Residents who are elderly or very young are at greater risk of feeling the effects of this prolonged hot spell, as are our pets. I encourage everyone to check in on their neighbours and friends and ensure they are getting adequate hydration and respite from the heat. If you or someone you know is suffering from severe heat exhaustion or dehydration call 000 immediately.

In the absence of much rain this season there is also greater risk of bush fires. Ensure everyone in your household is aware of your Bushfire Survival Plan- if you don't have one, it is imperative that you make one. For more information on preparing for bush fires visit the Rural Fire Service website at: https://ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire_Safety/Pages/default.aspx

There is also a tendency to leave doors and windows open to capture any available breeze, but this can increase the risk of burglary. The QPS Community Safety and Crime Prevention unit identifies that homes with windows or doors left open or unsecured, curtains closed during the day or mail and newspapers left to accumulate in the mail are more likely to attract a potential burglar.

Steps you can take to improve the safety of your home include:

- Fitting external doors and windows with quality locks, and keeping these locked even when at home.
- Fitting security screens to doors and windows that meet Australian Standards and are correctly installed to allow exit in case of an emergency
- Installing an intruder alarm to cover external doors, windows and garage
- Trimming trees and shrubs to allow visibility of your property
- Locking away valuable items and keeping your garage door locked
- Installing perimeter security lighting, including sensors
- Getting to know your neighbours and joining a local Neighbourhood Watch group

Forestdale is a wonderful place to live with great people and a strong sense of community. Let's look out for each other during this heatwave and keep everyone safe.

Leeanne.

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by the electorate office of
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Forestdale Social Golf Club

Bruce Leggatt



Windaroo golf club was the latest venue that the Forestdale golf club has played in 2017

An early start for the day during the warmer summer months, had the golfers finish before it became too hot.

Peter Frazer was the day's sponsor, thanks very much Peter for the great

prizes.

We played a single stableford event with young Matthew Taylor winning the day with 37 points, in second was the not so young Bruce Leggatt on 35 points and Mike Kelly rounding out the top three on 33points.

Nearest the pin winners were Scott Savamaki, Geoff Tate. and Andy Whyatt.

Longest drives on the day in A Grade were hit by Bruce Leggatt and AJ Littee in B Grade.

Bruce Leggatt also won the day's best approach shot.

The club welcomed four new members on the day, so if anyone is interested in having a hit on a Sunday morning, please contact one of the committee, a copy of all of the year's games will be included in next Month's newsletter along with committee contact details.

Bruce Leggatt

Forestdale NHW Inc.

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Triple Zero (000)**

In an emergency

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Police Assistance Line

131 444

For non emergencies

For non-urgent matters after the event, i.e., goods stolen from cars, house broken into etc.

**BROWNS PLAINS POLICE STATION
3802 7100**

And is to be mainly used to speak with someone, get advice, or matters of a minor nature

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Next Meeting

7.00 PM

Monday, 6 March, 2017

32 Abbey Street, Forestdale