



Linley Point Neighbourhood Watch

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Hi Everyone

Another year looms and with it the festive season beforehand. Time to enjoy our friends and families but not have it marred or violated whether it be with our property or physically.

We have had several worrying break-ins this year, two in November. The worry I have is each occurred with families asleep in their beds and one when the intruder actually entered a daughter's bedroom and only ran off when she awoke and screamed! Just imagine what could happen if a wife or daughter trapped an intruder causing panic and to strike out as he tried to escape?

The festive season is always a prime time for crime. Hot, humid weather encouraging windows and doors to be left open. Festivities and holidays taking us away from our homes and school holidays allowing bored schoolchildren to "have some fun" at our expense. One of our recent intruders arrested by police was 16 years old !

So how do we take sensible, practical precautions? The obvious ones is letting immediate neighbours know of your absence and leaving mobile phone numbers with them. Ask them to clear junk mail and cancel newspapers so it is not obvious you are not there. Take a particular interest in what you leave in your vehicles which are parked in the street or driveways.

Ipods and navigation systems are hot property for thieves and easy to on-sell. We have had several instances this year of items stolen out of vehicles as they were visible and should have been placed in the house. Think of the inconvenience and cost of replacing smashed windows or forced locks!

I have been encouraged that the new committee for our twice annual social Get-togethers see this as an important vehicle for bonding and communicating with close neighbours with the view of keeping our community crime free. One reason for our noted success, when compared to others in the Chatswood police command area, is the serious alertness you show in quickly reporting suspicious behaviour. Neighbourhood watch is all about looking out for your neighbours and yourselves. If we make it really tough on the bad guys they will go elsewhere!

A special thank you to Chatswood police for their timely efforts. The last two incidents were quickly responded to, resulting in the arrest of two criminals. Well done!

Once again my sincere thanks for your strong support throughout the year - it is much appreciated. Despite his moving out of Linley Point, Carl Moser has continued to support us with the updated Linley Point website and our newsletters - many thanks Carl. Jan joins me in wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, crime free 2010.

Christmas Cheers

Greg