



Artarmon Neighbourhood Watch - CW5

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North Shore Local Area Command -
Community Safety Precinct Committee
- Community Update

Police have advised that a couple of significant arrests in recent weeks have changed the patterns of crime in the area, really demonstrating the impact one or two criminals can have and also the importance of the public supplying timely information regarding suspicious activity in their neighbourhood to the police.

Crime Prevention Tips for Residential Premises

If you've checked your street number is clearly visible, reviewed your fences / landscaping and thought about security lighting / timers (see last Gazette).....it's time for some more tips on crime prevention.

Check through the following, how does your home rate?

- **Letter Boxes** should be fitted with a suitable lock to restrict access to mail.
- **Gardens Sheds** should be locked to prevent access and theft. Is your shed securely anchored to the ground....thefts have occurred by lifting the shed to gain access.
- **Keys** - Spare keys should not be hidden outside the home, instead leave a set with trusted friends or neighbours. Keys should never be left in locks or in view, but should be kept in a safe location.
- **Property Identification** - Record descriptions/model/serial numbers of property for easy identification. Take photos of unique items to aid in their recovery. Keep your property list and photos in a secure location. Back up those property lists from your computer, in case the computer gets stolen. Engrave or etch your property with a traceable number, for example, your driver's license number for identification. For items that can't be engraved, use an ultra violet pen, this marking is only visible under an ultra violet (black) light.

Incidents (other than Break & Enter) Reported to Police for all of Artarmon Jan - Mar 2009

Incident Category	Sub-category	Number	Comments
Assault	Common assault	4	3 in home units; 1 in street.
Malicious damage	Graffiti	6	4 commercial premises; 2 public place.
Malicious damage	Malicious damage to property	14	6 public place; 5 residential premises; 3 commercial premises.
Robbery	Demand money with menaces	1	Threaten personal harm.
Robbery	Robbery	1	
Robbery	Other	1	Intimidation.
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	15	8 on street; 7 in residential parking; 3 in commercial premises.
Stealing	Steal from retail store	1	Service station.
Stealing	Other steal	9	6 from residential premises; 2 from commercial premises; 1 licensed premises.
Steal motor vehicle		9	7 from street; 2 from business carparks.

Source: COPS, NSW Police.

Break & Enter Incidents Reported to Police for all of Artarmon Jan - Mar 2009

Incident Category	Locations	Number	Point of Access	Method of Entry
Break and Enter - residential.	15 units/ town houses; 8 houses/garages	23	10 window; 8 door; 5 other.	6 open window; 6 forced lock; 2 smashed door/window; 9 other.
Break and Enter - business, commercial, recreational.		8	7 door; 1 roof.	4 door smashed; 1 no entry; 3 other.

Source: COPS, NSW Police.

Do you have items you'd like to engrave? Neighbourhood Watch has two engravers which can be borrowed - contact Clare Hamilton-Bate on clarehb@telstra.com.

Please let me know by email clarehb@telstra.com or on 9904 6646 if you would like to join the NW committee and help support the activities of Neighbourhood Watch in our area.

Talking 2064

Many thanks go to former APA President, **Keith Anderson**, for donating a complete set of Gazettes to the APA Archives (currently held in the main Willoughby library). It is important that we preserve our local history, and the Gazette is a big part of this in 2064. We would still like to compile an additional set for the Artarmon Library itself, so if any readers have back issues - particularly from the years 1999-2001- please contact the Editor to donate them.

Residents may have wondered about the markings on Francis Rd. This is part of the Council's **Bike Plan**. 'Route 17' scheduled for this financial year connects Artarmon Station to Lane Cove. The route will go along Francis and Kitchener Rds to the highway.

Congratulations on behalf of the Gazette and the community to **Nick and Bianca Logan** (pictured), recently married.



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GAZETTE

The Gazette is looking for people to help with editorial, advertising and delivery coordination.

We publish quarterly, so our schedule is not onerous, but we do need reliable volunteers who want to contribute to the community in Artarmon.

The Gazette is committed to informing residents and businesses in postcode 2064 about current local events and issues, and providing a forum in which to discuss matters of interest and concern. And we even have fun in the process!!

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