



# Neighbourhood Watch 3193

## Beaumaris & Black Rock

March 2023

### Police “Operation Bird” gets results

NHW 3193 spends a lot of time meeting and working with the Bayside Police. We have been hearing about a number of burglaries recently in 3193. Youths, (mainly) have been seen roaming the suburb looking for unlocked houses to burgle and cars to steal. We’ve asked the Police for information to share with our residents.

***Over the past 6 months the Police have been conducting “Operation Bird”.***

***This operation has many resources involving Police car patrols (unmarked and marked), plain clothed Police officers (CIU), the Police Dog Squad, the Police Helicopter squad and other resources like the Protective Services Officers (PSO). They also use the Police intelligence officers located at the Moorabbin Police complex. They operate 24/7 but are most effective at night.***



**The success rate is excellent.** Officers have recovered 82 per cent of vehicles stolen and have made 249 arrests across the Southern Metropolitan area, between September and January, laying 168 aggravated burglary charges against offenders aged 15 to 17 years.

The Police are doing a lot to curb this criminal activity. Unfortunately, there is still more crime happening.

**It is important that we get behind our local Police to help minimise crime in our 3193.**

**So how can residents assist and minimise burglaries or car theft?**

It is simple: lock your cars, lock your houses, and minimize any opportunities for theft of goods or equipment. **If you ‘See something - Say something’. Police can’t do this on their own!**

**Philip Lovel AM - President NHW 3193**

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## A message from the Victoria Police



**Inspector Cath Wilkins - Local Area Commander  
Bayside & Glen Eira**

### A focus on conversations

Conversations and effective relationships are key to addressing crime and community safety concerns.

Strong local connections work!

Talking to police, sharing information and reporting crimes or suspicious behaviour helps Police prevent and investigate crimes and keep a pulse on the changing needs and concerns of the community.

Community engagement is occurring across a range of local committees in Bayside, including the Bayside Local Community Safety Committee of which Neighbourhood Watch and Bayside Police are a key part. We are currently working on strengthening community coordination and support to prevent family violence; building stronger community connections and drawing on lived experience to better understand youth issues.

In recent months, the community has raised concerns regarding property and vehicle crime and we have been investing significant energy toward combatting this issue.

Across Melbourne's south east suburbs, including Bayside, Police run Operation Bird, a dedicated and ongoing operation which sees Police out in force every single night. Uniform and covert patrols work closely with specialist units, including the Southern Metro Region Crime Team, Highway Patrol, Air Wing and Dog Squad, to intercept vehicles, check people, gather intelligence and disrupt criminal activity.

Police will continue to do everything we can to stop would-be criminals in their tracks, however we urge the community to not become complacent. Opportunistic thieves look for the easiest way in, which is generally through an unlocked door or window.

Community safety is everyone's responsibility.

**Inspector Catherine Wilkins**



## A message from the Mayor of Bayside



**Mayor Cr Hanna El Mouallem**

Our Dendy Street Beach pavilion has been progressing well and will be completed by the middle of the year. This has been a project years in the making and we look forward to providing Brighton's lifesaving club a fit for purpose facility.

We've also started works on the Black Rock Lifesaving Club pavilion and look forward to watching this transform over the coming months.

As the seasons begin to change, we're celebrating with our family friendly festival Autumn Fest, back for another year.

With five events planned across Bayside including Kids Fun Day, Pet's Day Out and Live and Local there is truly something for everyone. You can learn more on our website, [bayside.vic.gov.au/AutumnFest](http://bayside.vic.gov.au/AutumnFest).

Another event we're excited about is our Home Energy Efficiency Expo presented in partnership with Zoe Daniel MP for Goldstein. The expo is open for those who want to know where to start when creating an energy efficient home, powered by renewable energy.

In terms of community safety, we continue to facilitate the Bayside Community Safety Committee covering many important agenda items including family violence, theft, road safety and open space and foreshore safety.

As always, we appreciate NHW 3193's contribution to this committee and your role in helping keep Bayside the safe municipality we know it to be.

Bayside is generally considered to be a safe community but it is always worth paying attention to our own safety.

Remember, offenders are opportunistic so lock up, stay safe.

Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds for NHW 3193.

**Mayor Cr Hanna El Mouallem**

# Examples of what happens when we relax or are not careful enough!

Neighbourhood Watch 3193 wants to thank these residents who have shared their stories with us. We all make mistakes and there is no need to be embarrassed. Please share your stories. We need to know what is happening in our community and what lessons we can pass onto other residents.

Our role is to listen, learn and pass on to you all any useful information about what we, the residents, are suffering

**Please note, we will NOT pass on your personal details without your permission. Anything we can learn, help with, or pass onto the Community or Police will be useful for all of us.**

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## Victim 1:

**December 2022** - This resident was having renovations done in her back yard – The builder had erected temporary fencing (see-through) **and her rear sliding door was left unlocked to allow workmen to run power cords through the door.** On 6/12/22 at 1.50am, the victim got up to go to the toilet and was confronted in the hallway by 2 intruders who had entered through the unlocked rear sliding door.

They said to her: “Get us your car keys and cash!” The victim said “ok” but ran out the front door and screamed for help as loud as she could.

The offenders ran out of the front door past her, and one punched her in the face/shoulder as he passed by, causing a bruise on her left shoulder. The offenders left empty-handed and ran up the street to a nearby front yard.

**The victim called Triple 000. “Operation Bird” Police members were nearby and responded quickly, along with a police dog unit. The Police dogs quickly tracked and located the offenders and arrests were made. The victim was extremely grateful for the amazing Police response.**



## Victim 2:

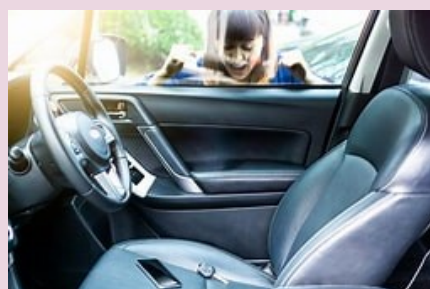
**October 2022** - This resident got his newspaper from the front yard and **forgot to close his garage door.** He then had a shower upstairs. At 9.15am, when he went to put out some garbage, he discovered that his two cars (Mercedes and BMW) were stolen. The keys had been taken from inside the unlocked internal garage door.

**Both vehicles were recovered by Police the next day. Two offenders have been identified and interviewed by Moorabbin CIU and the investigation is ongoing.**



## Victim 3:

**October 2022** - This resident parked his work vehicle in the street beside an oval and had a kick of football with his son. **He had left the car unlocked and the keys in the vehicle.** Soon after, the victim saw youths running away from his vehicle, and the mirrors folded inwards on his vehicle, indicating that the car had been locked and the keys taken away. His car keys, wallet and other valuables stolen from the vehicle. **The victim contacted Police on 000 and they arrived quickly and found the ignition key smashed on the footpath nearby (\$900 replacement!) and the youths in possession of the other goods nearby.** All the property was returned to the victim, except the Licence and credit cards from his wallet (*Just think about the hassle of replacing your licence and credit cards.*)



## Is it time you installed CCTV?



**CCTV provides you with peace of-mind and acts as a deterrent.**

Crooks often look for easy targets. It may be random groups trying to pinch your car and trying to break in to find the keys. **A home protected by CCTV and with your doors and windows locked** is less likely to be burgled and good CCTV means they might later be detected and apprehended.

### What is CCTV and how does it provide ‘Peace of Mind’?

CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) is one or more cameras connected to a recording device. It can be viewed on a monitor, your TV or your internet connected computer, but most commonly via an App on your mobile smart phone. You can watch live (as it records) or playback from previous recordings.

**Quality cameras are a great deterrent**, with high-definition time-stamped recording and clear night vision that can be used by Police to **identify those who offend**.

It’s now more important than ever to make your property more secure. Opportunistic burglars are becoming discerning when deciding whether to enter your property. They will scan properties in your neighbourhood to establish, for example: who is security conscious, who is house proud, which house is hidden by dense shrubbery, which home looks vacant, etc. **If you think like a burglar, it will let you assess whether your home is secure and help you critically evaluate if you are a ripe target.**



Many people use their CCTV to check whether a parcel was delivered or not, or who took it. Some to view what’s happening at home while they’re away, or to check on teenagers or a babysitter, or even just to make sure pets are okay. Have you ever considered CCTV for reassurance on the welfare of elderly parents and dearly loved ones?

### Which type of system should you consider?

There is a big difference between a professionally installed quality CCTV system and wireless DIY camera kits.

The professionals will say that the cheaper options provide you with low-quality solutions that do not provide facial or number plate recognition and may not work well at night and if they record proof, it is often difficult to find or produce as evidence.



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The [Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency](#) states “When seeking advice concerning the design, installation and maintenance of CCTV systems, you should always use an appropriately licensed security professional, who is a member of [The Australian Security Industry Association Limited \(ASIAL\)](#)”

They provide recommendations on: physical Installation, camera and recording resolution, camera placement, camera exposure (Lighting), frame rate, motion detection, overwrite period, date and time stamping, compression quality, power loss prevent on and recovery.

CCTV installed by a licenced security professional considers these recommendations as well as providing a system that records to a physical hard drive in your home. Wi-fi cameras connect directly to your mobile via your internet and record to SD cards in the cameras. If the clever crooks interrupt your wi-fi or cut your power, it will disable your security. Professionals will **say that these are serious issues so best to do it properly and use a licenced professional.**

## NHW 3193 CCTV Data Base Project - Still on the agenda!

Readers may remember from previous newsletters that we mentioned the creation of a CCTV database to assist Victoria Police in their criminal investigations.

It is still on the agenda but we are awaiting instructions from the Police. It is likely that the data base may go Bayside wide and we may also have support from the Bayside Council.

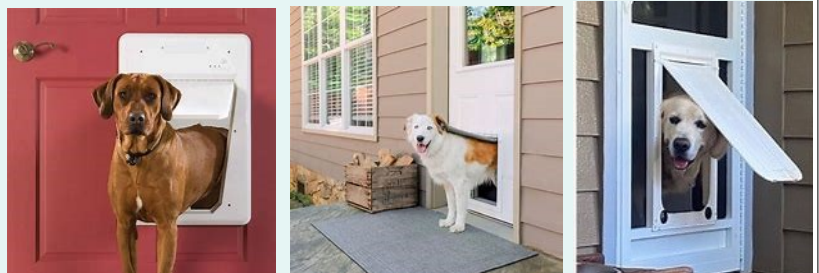
So, watch out for our survey so we can be responsive to the Police in their investigations.

## Is your doggy door burglar proof?

Police advise that (believe it or not) youths are entering houses via large doggy doors.

If you have a big dog and therefore a big doggy door then you had best consider what to do. Maybe lock it at night? Check your insurance.

Good luck. Nothing is easy is it!



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## Is this the lowest of the low

***Fake, AI generated photo used to create fake fundraising pages***



Just as we get used to one new scam another, an even more bizarre and cleverer scam emerges. This has to be as bad as it gets.

Now these parasites are using AI to create fake photos to pull your heart strings and money - this one is feeding on the disaster in Turkey.

***How to identify that it's fake - the firefighter has six fingers but otherwise it's perfect!***

So, the message is that you CANNOT believe anything you read or see today. You must take extra care.

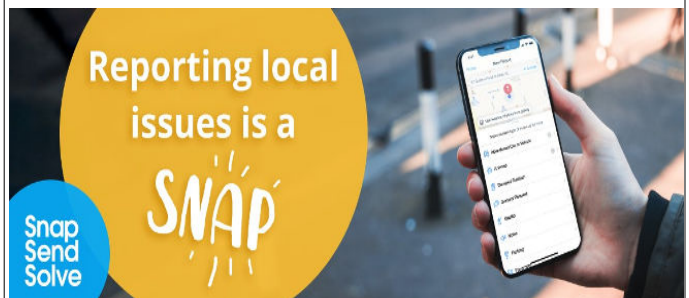
**Only donate to recognised Charities with legitimate sites.**

## Play your part - Report issues

As you walk around Beaumaris or Black Rock, you probably notice the occasional broken footpath or tree branches overhanging footpaths, making it unsafe to walk, or the scourge of graffiti on our buildings or something else that needs fixing.

***If you're like most of us, you are possibly thinking you wish you could do something about these issues but don't really know how.***

**Well now you can** - by downloading the smart phone app **Snap Send Solve** onto your phone. All you need to regarding the offending trees or broken footpaths



is take a photo using this app and send it to Bayside Council (details on the app) and with luck they will respond and remedy the problem. You can also notify other authorities from the app - e.g. the Police.

As for graffiti, use the App if the Graffiti is on Council property. Otherwise alert the NHW 3193 Graffiti Busters by sending an email to [NHW3193@gmail.com](mailto:NHW3193@gmail.com).

**If we all stay alert, we can improve our neighbourhood and make it safe and attractive.**

**Article by Eva Clapham**

***It's that time.***

***#9PM routine! Yes, make it a ROUTINE.***

***Remove valuables from your car.... keys, money, credit cards, iPads, etc.***

***Lock your car. Lock your home doors. Turn on your exterior lights,***

***Remember... if you see something, say something***

# #9PMROUTINE

## Lock up. Make it a habit.

- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Lock vehicle doors
- Close & lock all exterior doors
- Turn on exterior light



## Yes, it's annoying .... But you must create strong passwords

- ⇒ Never use personal information such as your name, your spouse's, children's, or pet's names.
- ⇒ Don't use birth dates, anniversary dates or street numbers.
- ⇒ Create a password with at least 10 – 12 characters combining numbers, lower case and upper-case letters and symbols.
- ⇒ Ideally, create a different password for each account.
- ⇒ If you are finding it difficult to create a password, use a password generator like LastPass, 1Password or Google Chrome's password manager to help you.
- ⇒ Do not share your passwords with anyone.

### Weak passwords take crooks no time to crack

*Image courtesy of Hive Systems*

Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters, Symbols
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
7	Instantly	Instantly	2 secs	7 secs	31 secs
8	Instantly	Instantly	2 mins	7 mins	39 mins
9	Instantly	10 secs	1 hour	7 hours	2 days
10	Instantly	4 mins	3 days	3 weeks	5 months
11	Instantly	2 hours	5 months	3 years	34 years
12	2 secs	2 days	24 years	200 years	3k years
13	19 secs	2 months	1k years	12k years	202k years
14	3 mins	4 years	64k years	750k years	16m years



### False billing scams - It's easy to be tricked!

Have you received an invoice for something you didn't know you had purchased or a renewal for a service you may have had once but aren't sure?

Make sure you ONLY pay for things you are certain about and only then if the invoice is genuine.

NHW 3193 will be holding a "Scams Revisited" Forum in the next few months.

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You can instantly add value to your home by converting even the most poorly laid out and unappealing floorplan to incredible living spaces.

You can come home at the end of the day to a home you love without the worry and inconvenience of displacing your family or substantial relocation costs.

You can enhance the overall functionality of your home as your family's priorities shift over time. Adding a second story can provide more privacy for parents or a teenager retreat.

**When it comes to the dream home renovation and extension, your decision to choose a builder should not come lightly. After all, you want to find the very best builder that understands your dream and is able to customise everything to fit what you're looking for.**

## What to do if someone collapses in front of you?



**The first thing to remember is to try not to panic and to keep safe yourself.**

**Call or tell someone to call 000 then put your phone down beside you and leave it on speaker so that emergency Services can give you instructions.**

**Next check the person's airway, breathing, and pulse and if necessary, begin CPR.**

One of the best things you can do as an individual is to do a first aid course because none of us know when this knowledge will be needed.

## Did you know this?

Cheques have almost vanished now but occasionally one arrives and needs to be banked.

**Some banks now have the facility for you to deposit the cheque via your smartphone via their app.**

Simply scan the cheque as instructed. It's very easy.

Great for Westpac customers now that the bank in the Concourse has closed. NAB also has this facility. Not all banks do yet. Check your bank.

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## Well done Beaumaris Rotary

Thank heavens for groups such as Beaumaris Rotary. They add so much value to the Community. They contribute in many ways. At just about every community activity, Rotary Volunteers can be seen helping. They did so at the recent Car and Bike event in the Concourse.

They support and donate to Charities such as IMPACT, a charity of volunteers who make a difference to Victorian women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Their CHARITY GOLF PRO AM raises funds for Sandringham Hospital and local charities such as Matt's Place, who provide meals for homeless people in the area, and Team Sports for All.

They make a difference OVERSEAS too. Beaumaris Rotary has supported the community of Sabu in Indonesia for more than 10 years, providing clean water, school infrastructure and housing for students.

They have also helped us, NHW 3193 by donating to our Graffiti Busters Trailer and more.



### Black Rock Farmers Market Royal Avenue Park

2nd Saturday of every month 8am to 1pm

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the  
orange  
door

Finding help



Family Safety Victoria is leading the state-wide rollout of The Orange Door network, referred to in the Royal Commission's recommendations as support and safety hubs.

The Orange Door is a free service network that aims to be accessible, safe and welcoming, providing quick and simple access to support for:

- adults, children, and young people who are experiencing family violence.
- families who need support with the care and wellbeing of children and young people.
- Victims of family violence.

It brings services together as a partnership so that individuals have to go to multiple services or to retell their story multiple needs met.

Services available at The Orange Door include:

- risk and needs assessment.
- safety planning
- crisis support



and families don't times to have their

The network can connect people to a range of services that provide ongoing safety and wellbeing supports. Perpetrator accountability is also a strong focus. The Orange Door network engages perpetrators and works with the system to hold them accountable for their actions and changing their behaviour.

**Visit the Orange Door website for more information and contact addresses**

**[Family violence support and extra help for children and families](https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au)**

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## Concourse Car and Bike event a great success

Congratulations Trevor Allwright and the Concourse Traders Association for organising yet another successful event. Your efforts are so important to our Community and to all the traders as it brings business to the area.



The next local event is "Autumn Fest" scheduled for Sunday 15th April at the Balcombe Park Reserve (opposite Beumaris Secondary College)

**Why not come along!**



## Neighbourhood Watch 3193 upcoming activities

### Events Update

We are planning the following over the next six months. Dates and venues will be notified separately.

Email [nhw3193@gmail.com](mailto:nhw3193@gmail.com) for more details

- ⇒ Coffee with the Cops
- ⇒ Coffee with the Mayor
- ⇒ Forum - "Safety Sense"
- ⇒ Forum - "Scams Revisited"

**We also have other exciting activities in planning and will let you know later!**

**Pet Walls update:** Please be patient - these are huge projects that take months to complete but I'm sure you agree, they are worthwhile.

**Beumaris Stage 3 - Last photos underway. We aim to install the wall after Easter.**

**Black Rock Residents - We are committed to creating a Pet Wall in Black Rock and are taking registrations.**

Register at [beauiepets@gmail.com](mailto:beauiepets@gmail.com) Costs are being worked out but we expect it will be about 5% higher - approx \$210/single pet or \$275/two pets on one spot. Merry will confirm and send you information. You will not be billed till later.



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## Eva Clapham Joins NHW 3193 Committee



We welcome Eva Clapham to the Committee of Neighbourhood Watch 3193.

Eva has a strong background working with all types of people. She did a Chemistry degree, then a Dip Ed in Teaching before working in Switzerland at a high-level prestige finishing school for ladies.

Eva obtained further experience working in the gaol in Bathurst teaching inmates the value of education. Other experience was gained in private local schools in Melbourne and in sports administration.

***We now have two powerful women on our committee, Eva Clapham and Vivian Shannon.***

Philip Lovel AM - President NHW 3193

## Buy one-get one free Sandy Mini Golf Offer

**For NHW 3193 Newsletter readers**



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## Guy's gardening tips for autumn

Autumn is the time to start preparing your garden for winter. The work you put in now ensures the best results come springtime. Local Bayside gardener Guy has a few tips on how to care for your garden now.

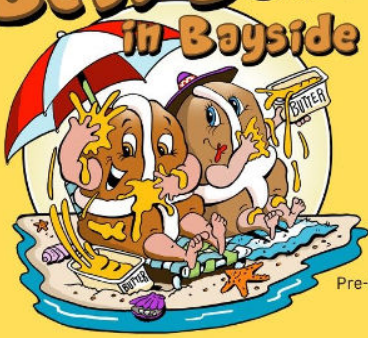
- ⇒ Autumn means leaves. Rake them up regularly and compost them to use as mulch in your garden.
- ⇒ Plant flowering Spring bulbs now. Prepare the soil with fertiliser so that you have beautiful blooms in Spring.
- ⇒ Towards the end of Autumn, lightly prune hedges and shrubs to keep them neat and bushy.
- ⇒ Feed your lawn and garden. Use a slow-release fertiliser and if you have patches in your lawn, sow some lawn seed so that you have a lush lawn come Spring.
- ⇒ Follow these few, simple steps and you can enjoy your own garden oasis in Spring.

## Look who's been spotted



Our very own Social Media Manager, Viv Shannon - Obviously a "mature groupie" attending the Harry Styles Concert with daughter Cammie....Along with some 60,000 mostly screaming girls!

# Best Buns in Bayside



# WHY?

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# Parisien Crêpes

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PARIS: Every time I'm in France I love to learn something new, this time it's the most famous dish alongside Le Croissant, it's the Madame Crêpe.

Tonight I'm a part of a walking food tour and at the end of our culinary adventure we partake in the art-form of making the famous "Crêpe" It's 7pm & we're eating our way through the back streets of the 7th Arrondissement, we experience the laughter and happiness of the people lying on the grass enjoying a late evening picnic with wine and cheese, we're all taking in the sights of the Eiffel Tower lit up like a Christmas tree. Rue Saint Michelle is my favourite place to be whilst in the 7th. Michelin star restaurants, first class boulangeries and cafes line Rue Saint Michelle and this is "in my opinion" what makes the 7th Arrondissement shine.

We're all back at the academy ready and hungry to learn the art of the Madame Crêpe, there is nothing more amazing than watching your Crêpe being freshly made right in front of you, every stroke is deliberate and elegant as the chef turns a simple batter into a work of pure art. Drama, comfort, joy and enlightenment are just a few of the feelings you experience when eating freshly prepared Crêpes and that is what you experience whilst you're at Flavours.

I'm always up for giving my customers new French experiences, so coming soon to our menu is the French art of "Madame Crêpe".

The history of crêpes dates back to 13th century Brittany, France. It seems a housewife there accidentally dribbled some thin porridge onto a hot, flat cooktop. Since people back then weren't inclined to waste even the smallest cooking mistakes, she ate it, the rest, as they say, is history.



*Bon Appetit!*

**Crêpe Recipe**

**150g plain flour**

**240ml full cream milk**

**2 free range eggs**

the secret ingredient is +\$\$\$:)!  
and the magic is all in the wrist



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