

# THE ENTRANCE COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

## ADDRESS TO THE ENTRANCE COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

by

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Senior Constable Gaudin works out of The Entrance Police Station and addressed the meeting on "Safety & Security In The Community" The following points were noted:

### Home Security:

- For sliding windows dowel rods only work to secure the window when the window is fully closed and the rod is the length of the trough. Partially opened windows with rods are not secure.
- If you want to secure a partially open window have keyed lock installed for the purpose.
- Bars on windows can be a fire hazard for exiting a burning building and can give the appearance that the area is unsafe.
- Security mesh screens for front doors are recommended.
- With a solid front door installation of a peep hole is a good idea.

### Scams

- Beware of a group of girls when one asks to use your toilet. One goes to the bathroom, while one distracts you and the other robs you.
- When people say they are injured ask them to wait outside and say you will call the Police or ambulance for them. Do not let them in.
- Door to Door sales people; Telstra, Optus Green Living etc. Ask for proof of identity. Don't let them in and call the company if you want verification.

### Internet

- People still fall for phone calls and emails saying they have inherited money or some such storey and asking for your bank details to transfer the money. Never give out your bank account number or you risk having your account cleaned out.

### Policing

- There are three Police Stations: The Entrance; Wyong and Toukley. Each has two patrol cars.
- There are two licensing police at the Entrance. Not aware of any infringement notice been given for unlawful sale of alcohol in The Entrance.
- There will be no club providing free grog on Anzac Day.
- Police phone numbers; The use of Triple 0; Police Assistance line; Crime Stoppers and The Entrance Police Station were explained. ( See attached Police flyer )
- The value of reporting crime was explained. Every Wednesday at The Entrance Station there is a Crime Meeting. Hot spots are reviewed and resources targeted to these areas. If the Police do not know of incidents they can not respond.
- When you report an incident you can request an "Event Number" for future reference.
- Blocked driveways fall under the jurisdiction of WSC rangers.
- Police can not educate tourists on how to behave.
- Illegal camping and water use is responsibility of WSC Rangers

### Personal Safety

- A demonstration was given on the way ladies should hold there bags in front of them when out and about and the gentlemen were told that carrying their wallets in their back pockets was not as secure as a front pocket.