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## **ACT NHW GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD 2019**

### **Margaret and Mick Dando**

This Award recognises a resident/s of the ACT who has/have made a positive difference to their neighbourhood by making a special effort towards people around them; by offering to assist in practical or special ways or for volunteering or supporting the local community.

This year the Good Neighbour Award is presented to Margaret and Mick Dando from Ainslie. They were nominated by Kasy Chambers, Executive Director of Anglicare Australia in Canberra.

Margaret and Mick are strong believers in the importance of a neighbourhood and local community and delight in living in a street with a mixture of older, younger and working residents. They are wonderful neighbours to those in their street and willingly collect parcels, meet tradesmen, stop for a chat, keep local residents in touch with each other, watch their house while they are away - the list goes on.

Upon noticing a number of elderly people walking in their street, they set up a park bench style seat outside their house. The seat has become used by many residents in the local neighbourhood; children on their way home from school, people stopping off for a chat and, in particular, one elderly lady has been able to extend her walk by double and reach the Dickson "duck pond" with her little dog because there is somewhere to rest on the way. This deed alone has resulted in extending the lady's health and her overall enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Mick is often on hand nearby the seat to enjoy a chat when people call by. In fact, others in the street have even put in their own seats in the spirit of light-hearted competition.

Also, Margaret is an active Police Volunteer at City Police Station and reportedly even turned up for her usual front office shift on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Overall, Margaret and Mick have made their street a neighbourhood and certainly represent the true values of Good Neighbours in our community.

Margaret Pearson  
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