



**CHARNWOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
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**CHARNWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO ALL
CHARNWOOD RESIDENTS FOR A HAPPY SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR**

CHARNWOOD STREET IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Following a study of the traffic conditions on Tillyard Drive and surrounding streets in Charnwood, Flynn and Fraser, the ACT Government has listed a number of improvements to be carried out as funding becomes available. Streets in Charnwood that are affected include: Cartwright Street (speed cushions on approach to school zone and pedestrian refuge island near Rouse Place); Covington Crescent (speed cushions); Kerrigan Street (lane narrowing between Tillyard Drive and Shakespeare Crescent and improvements to pedestrian signage) and Shakespeare Crescent (speed cushions on approach to children's crossing). For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au

PUTTING AN END TO FAMILY VIOLENCE



Detective Station Sergeant Matt Craft joined the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in 1999 after working with New South Wales (NSW) Police for 10 years. A highlight of Detective Station Sergeant Craft's career with the NSW Police Force was being a part of general duties at Manly Police Station where he met his wonderful wife. Detective Station Sergeant Craft had always wanted to be a police officer as his dad was a retired Superintendent with a long career in ACT Policing.

Detective Station Sergeant Craft has been awarded a National Police Service Medal, a National Medal, an AFP Service Medal, and an ACT Emergency Medal. He is currently the Officer-in-Charge of ACT Policing's Family Violence Coordination Unit (FVCU), and has been since April 2017. He talks about his role with the FVCU.

Our role in the FVCU is to support operational police through quality assurance and oversight of all family violence investigations. We also have two Family Violence Order Liaison Officers who work with victims and help them through the family violence order process, and if need be can apply for the orders on behalf of vulnerable victims.

The FVCU also has a Victims of Crime (VOC) team within the unit. The VOC team supports victims of crime through the judicial process. There are 10 Victim Liaison Officers within the team who deal directly with traumatised victims and offenders to arrange the most appropriate support services for the individual.

The FVCU have a long standing relationship with Domestic Violence Crisis Service and work closely with them to meet the needs of victims of family violence in the ACT. They provide a wide range of services for both victims and perpetrators of family violence.

In May 2016, ACT Policing was the second Australian jurisdiction (after NSW) to introduce the Family Violence Evidence in Chief (FVEIC) into legislation. This came into effect after changes in ACT legislation aimed to reduce trauma caused by victims giving evidence in court, and improve the accuracy of the victim's evidence. The FVEIC allows the court to see the demeanour and experience of the victim at the time of the incident. For example, the recording can be played in court if required as it is the victim's primary evidence. As it is taken just after the incident occurs, any injuries or damage to the property is visible. The demeanour of the victim is also evident which is sometimes difficult to get across in a written statement. Most of the time the victims are upset and scared and this is very clear on camera. FVEIC is aimed at reducing trauma for victims during the court process as they are no longer required to recount their evidence in a court room unless they are cross examined during a full hearing.

As of 25 November 2017, family/domestic violence orders issued in any Australian state or territory will be automatically recognised and enforceable nationwide. This initiative, known as the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme, aims to improve the protection of family/domestic violence victims. Individuals no longer need to register a family/domestic violence order in another state or territory for it to be enforceable.

For full details regarding the scheme check out the [Courts ACT webpage](#). If you or someone you know is a victim of family violence, call the 24 hour crisis line at Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 6280 0900. In an emergency call Triple Zero (000). Police are here to help you. Nobody deserves to be a victim of family violence.

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CHARNWOOD CRIME STATISTICS: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2017

02/09/17	Charnwood	Assault other	01/08/17	Tomsitt	Other theft
12/09/17	Charnwood	Motor vehicle theft	20/10/17	Lhotsky	Other theft
08/09/17	Noakes	Other theft	28/11/17	Schaffer	Burglary dwellings
17/08/17	Lhotsky	Other theft	03/11/17	Charnwood	Shop stealing
03/09/17	Tomsitt	Other property damage	01/11/17	Moulder	Other theft
03/09/17	Moulder	Other property damage	03/11/17	Charnwood	Arson
06/09/17	Moulder	Other property damage	04/11/17	Donnison	Other property damage
12/09/17	Napthali	Other property damage	24/11/17	Charnwood	Other property damage
17/09/17	Tom	Other property damage	16/12/17	Winder	Assault causing ABH
21/09/17	Tomsitt	Other property damage	29/12/17	Cartwright	Burglary dwellings
20/10/17	Lhotsky	Assault causing ABH	01/12/17	Charnwood	Bicycle theft
03/10/17	Charnwood	Assault other	10/12/17	Charnwood	Shop stealing
21/10/17	Dangar	Assault other	19/12/17	Saywell	Theft of vehicle plates
09/09/17	Kerrigan	Motor vehicle theft	28/12/17	Lhotsky	Other theft
14/10/17	Arrietta	Motor vehicle theft	01/12/17	Lhotsky	Other property damage
30/10/19	Traill	Motor vehicle theft	10/12/17	Tomsitt	Other property damage
22/10/17	Donnison	Bicycle theft	19/12/17	Charnwood	Other property damage
02/10/17	Crowley	Other theft	22/12/17	Napthali	Other property damage



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