



**NEWSLETTER NO.5: JULY-AUGUST 2018**

**About NHW**

NHW is a community crime prevention program aimed at promoting a sense of safety, security and wellbeing. It seeks to reduce crime, particularly property crime and offences against the person, and it aims to promote a secure environment. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours' properties, particularly if no one is home, and to report any suspicious behavior to the police.

You can show your support for Neighbourhood Watch by becoming a member with no fee involved. **The application form can be accessed on the following website link: [www.nhwact.com.au](http://www.nhwact.com.au). If you do not have access to the internet please call me on the above phone number, leave your name and address and we will deliver a hardcopy application form to your home. If anyone would still like NHWatch stickers to attach to their rubbish bins please contact me via email or phone as shown above.**

**YOU CAN TAKE ACTION**

HOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lock doors and windows even when you are at home</li> <li>• Put a lock on side/back gate and letterbox</li> <li>• Install sensor lights that turn on with movement</li> <li>• Install a peephole in your door and a light outside so you can see who is there without opening the door</li> <li>• Get to know your neighbours and who is supposed to live there; look out for each other</li> </ul>	ONLINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change your passwords regularly and never share them</li> <li>• Always look for the padlock symbol next to the web address to ensure you are on a secure site</li> <li>• Don't be a victim of a scam or spams [see over page also]</li> <li>• Don't open emails that you are not sure of</li> <li>• Be aware of how much personal information you reveal (whether via email or social media)</li> </ul>
VEHICLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always lock your car</li> <li>• Do not leave items of any value in the open</li> <li>• Secure your number plates with safe plate screws</li> </ul>	PROPERTY AND PUSH BIKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify all items of value by marking them with your licence number and/or taking photos</li> <li>• Keep an inventory of all items of value, inside and outside of the house</li> <li>• Lock a bike before you leave it</li> <li>• Record your bike details and take a photo of it</li> </ul>
PERSONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know what's going on around you</li> <li>• Stay secure outdoors by walking in safe areas</li> <li>• Carry a personal alarm when out at night and practice using it</li> </ul>	BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in place measures so you don't become a victim of burglary</li> <li>• Be aware of all aspects of fraud including credit card fraud</li> <li>• Train staff on emergency procedures and legal requirements e.g. bag searching, refusing entry, power of arrest etc.</li> <li>• Register your business with ACT Policing ACT Keyholder Register</li> </ul>
CHILDREN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know where they are at all times</li> <li>• Talk with them and know what's going on in their lives</li> <li>• Practice emergency drills with them regularly</li> </ul>		

**ACT Policing has a range of more detailed information on any of the above issues.**

**<https://police.act.gov.au/safety-and-security>**

## SCAMS

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is again warning people to be on the lookout for scammers who are trying to con their victims into paying for scams with Apple iTunes gift cards.

There are never any circumstances where a legitimate business or government department will ask for payment this way so please do be careful.

### REPORT ALL CRIME

The latest monthly crime statistics for Coombs as reported to ACT Policing are shown on this page. Without in any way questioning the police data base I do wonder whether the reported crime statistics (especially for 'minor' crime) are an accurate reflection of actual incidents in Coombs.

The ACT Police data base can only record crime incidents reported to ACT Policing. Please ensure that ACT Policing has an accurate record of criminal incidents by reporting all incidents to the numbers shown opposite. Especially Crime Stoppers in non-threatening cases.

ACT Policing can only prioritise and allocate its resources to suburbs based on fully-reported information about criminal activity in each suburb.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for ACT members of Neighbourhood Watch is to be held on Monday 24 September 2018 at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Further details will be provided to Coombs members before that date.

## 2018 Monthly Crime Statistics Coombs (as reported to the ACT Police)

Offence Type	May	June	July
Assault (ABH & Other) - Cornelius - Harold White	1	1	
Motor Vehicle theft - Pearlman - Edgeworth - Fairhall	1 1	1	1
Number plates theft - Gifford - Arthur Blakely	2	1	
Burglary – dwellings - Taggart	1		
Other theft - Janine Haines - Cornelius - Willesee - Pearlman - Fairhall - Ken Tribe - Arthur Blakely - Gifford - Stan Davey	1 2 1 1	2 2 1	1 1
Other property damage - Arthur Blakely - Finemore		1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

### USEFUL NUMBERS

#### Emergencies

(serious/life threatening)	000
Police Attendance (minor crimes)	131 444
Crime Stoppers (provide info)	1800 333 000
State Emergency Service	132 500
Water/sewer emergency	131 193
Access Canberra	132 281



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