



GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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How well do you know your neighbours?

Would you recognise your neighbours on the street?

Do you know the names of at least five of your neighbours?

Have you spoken with your neighbours in the last week?

Have you ever invited any of your neighbours to your house?



Everybody needs good neighbours - are you a good neighbour?

Are you respectful of your neighbours by not generating loud and unwelcome noise?

Are you friendly and helpful?

Do you maintain your property to a good standard?

Do you contribute positively to your local community?

Trusted neighbours make for a safer environment for us all.

More than 50% of Australians would like to know their neighbours better.

Many people don't know their neighbours because they are busy working, feel no need to get to know them or simply don't know what kind of people their neighbours are.

Be the change you would like to see in your neighbourhood, get to know your neighbours and build a safer and friendlier community.



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Doggy do's & doggy dont's!

Pick it up! Its annoying to come across piles of dog mess on the pavement, grass or other areas where we choose to walk or ride, and there are plenty of such piles around Gordon! One rarely sees stray dogs wandering, from which we can reasonably conclude the offenders are dogs that are owned. We might also assume from the fact that these dogs are exercised, they are also valued and cared for. If only those same dog owners could have respect for the rights of other people, in being able to safely use our public areas without fear of trudging through a dreaded pile of poo!

All dog droppings in public places must be removed by the dog owner. It is an offence not to remove your dog's droppings in a public place and not to carry appropriate equipment to pick up your dog's droppings. An on-the-spot fine of \$50.00 can be issued by authorising officers if you do not pick up and dispose of your dog's droppings. An on-the-spot fine of \$50.00 can also be issued if you are not carrying appropriate equipment to collect your dog's droppings. For more information on dog laws and pet ownership in the ACT, please refer to Domestic Animal Services. So remember, please **DO** carry bags and **DON'T** forget to pick up your dogs droppings!

On leash areas. You can take your dog to all major parks as long as it is on a leash. Dogs must also be kept on leash on all paths and cycleways for the safety of walkers and cyclists. As a general rule, if you are ever in doubt **DON'T** allow your dog off the leash.

Shared paths. Dogs must be on leash on shared pathways outside off leash exercise areas (see Access Canberra for details of off-leash dog exercise areas). Please be mindful of passing pedestrians and cyclists and keep to the left. The behaviour of any dog can be unpredictable at times. If your dog attacks a human, another dog or other animal, you could be facing costly medical and/or legal bills. **DO the right thing, and keep your dog under control at all times.**



Lanyon Pantry. Individuals and families can access emergency assistance with food and other essentials at the Gordon Community Centre. Drop in (no appointment required) during our opening hours and speak to one of our friendly volunteers or staff members. All welcome, you will be greeted on your arrival and have a brief, confidential chat about your circumstances to see how we can help you best. There is a safe place for children to play. We can help with non-perishable food, household and personal essentials, and fresh food when available. We can also help put you in touch with relevant services.

Our opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm.

For any questions **please call Gordon Community Centre (6284 7003).**

Thank you! The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to the following for their continued invaluable support.

McIntyre Property (Col McIntyre)

for generously sponsoring the printing of the Gordon NHW newsletter.

Retail Realty Centre Management, Lanyon Market Place Conder

for providing generous ongoing support.

Newsletter Deliverers

Without your significant voluntary contribution we simply would not be able to deliver the Newsletter to the post boxes of the more than 2,900 residents of Gordon.

Home & Vehicle Safety

In recent weeks there have been many incidents of home burglary, theft and vandalism of vehicles at home premises in Canberra. Whilst we don't all have home alarm systems, or locked areas to safely store our vehicles, there are some simple steps we can take to help protect our valuables.

Ensure all gates, doors and windows are locked, with shutters, blinds and curtains closed when not at home, or at any time of day. Burglars often access premises by removing roof tiles and entering the home via a manhole. Manhole covers can be secured from inside the house, easily and at little cost by installing bolts. Install movement activated security lights around your premises.

Ensure vehicles are kept locked at all times, whether they are parked on a driveway, road or in the garage, and keep the keys in an inconspicuous place. Access to a house can also mean access to vehicles too. Mark all valuables with your name/contact details using an ultra violet marker pen.

Vehicles parked on driveways and roads often fall prey to acts of vandalism - graffiti, scratched paintwork, slashed tyres and more. If at all possible park your vehicle in a well lit area where vandals are less likely to strike, and consider placing a cover over the vehicle.

If you see any suspicious people lurking around your neighbourhood, or any unusual actions taking place, call the Police or Crime Stoppers without delay.

Point Hut Pond

Its our local pond and recreation area. A place where we can enjoy being by the water, walk, have BBQ's and for our children to use the play equipment. Its also a place we share with wildlife. Why then is the area so often littered with rubbish? Plastic and glass bottles, cans, takeaway food wrappers, household and other items including bikes and old tyres, remnants of rubber balloons and other decorations from children's parties and various items cast aside by fishermen — including sweetcorn tins, fishing line and hooks. Many of these items are hazardous to humans and potentially deadly to domestic and wild animals. Rubbish bins are provided in several areas — **please use them!** If there are no rubbish bins close by, **please take your rubbish home with you, and respect the rights of other users.**

Getting to know the European Wasp

Go to www.ewasp.com.au for full information.

European Wasp Hotline 0262585551.

European wasps are found in large communal nests, normally only visible as a small entrance hole. Nests are normally built either underground or in cavities in walls, ceilings, logs or trees. Nests are made out of chewed wood fibre. Workers leave the nest in search of food, and are attracted to meats, sweet food and drink. Foraging range for a European wasp worker can be up to 1.2km from the nest.

If threatened or the nest is disturbed, European wasps emit an alarm pheromone summoning the rest of the colony to attack! The European wasp is more aggressive than bees and will attack when their nest is threatened or disturbed. Unlike bees, wasps can sting more than once, and do not die after stinging. The sting causes a burning pain and swelling. If stings are multiple, a more severe systemic reaction may occur. Wasp populations will subside in autumn/winter and reappear in spring—be alert and ready. **Treating European wasp nests is NOT recommended, always engage a qualified Pest Controller.**

It is important to note that Neighbourhood Watch newsletters are classified by the ACT Government as 'community Information' and therefore are able to be delivered to all letter boxes regardless of notices to the contrary on any particular letterbox. However, should a resident expressly ask a deliverer not to deliver the newsletter then we will abide by the complainant's request. In order to facilitate this, the complainants address will be required.

AN EXCERPT OF GORDON CRIME STATISTICS. 37 crimes were reported in Gordon between Jan & March 2018

A = assault. AR = arson. B = burglary. BT = Bicycle theft. CD = criminal damage MVT = motor vehicle theft.
N = number plate theft. OT = other theft. PD = property damage. ST = shop stealing.

FRED LANE	A/GBH	19/03/18	JIM PIKE	PD	14/03/18	HARRY HOPMAN	A/ABH	01/01/18
SID BARNES	A	20/03/18	MATSON	PD	14/03/18	STURROCK	A	03/01/18
CLEM HILL	A	31/03/18	DEMPSEY	B	08/02/18	PREDDEY	A	04/01/18
JIM PIKE	B	26/03/18	THURGOOD	B	11/02/18	CHARLTON	A	06/01/18
CHIPPERFIELD	MVT	11/03/18	THARWA	MVT	09/02/18	PREDDEY	A	24/01/18
WOODCOCK	MVT	11/03/18	MICHAEL HOLT	OT	10/02/18	JUSTICE	B	25/01/18
CLEEVE	MVT	16/03/18	CHURCHILL	OT	24/02/18	MATSON	MVT	25/01/18
SID BARNES	MVT	17/03/18	CARSLAKE	A	16/02/18	KNOKE	MVT	31/01/18
CALLAWAY	MVT	16/03/18	DOERNER	PD	31/01/18	OXENHAM	OT	04/01/18
CLEEVE	MVT	24/03/18	THURGOOD	PD	15/02/18	LEWIS LUXTON	OT	15/01/18
FINGLETON	N	01/03/18	TRAVERS	PD	21/02/18	SAGGERS	A	03/01/18
MINA WYLIE	N	16/03/18	MCGILVRAY	PD	09/01/18	LEWIS LUXTON	PD	05/01/18



**"It's all here,
nice and local"**

Australian Pharmacy	6284 8555	Lanyon Newsagency	6284 7077
Bakers Delight	6284 8348	Lanyon Post Office	6294 4892
Big Barber	number tba	M & K Meats	6284 7700
Coffee Guru	6284 9614	McIntyre Property	6294 9393
Dancing Noodle	6294 9462	Ray Swift Moutrage	6294 2706
Handy Seven	No Number	Subway	6284 8543
Kingsley's Chicken	6284 9277	Sushi Island	6294 2903
Lanyon Hair Centre	6284 9060	Woolworths	6284 8011

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The aims of Neighbourhood Watch: To help people to protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the risk of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and Crime Stoppers and by fostering a friendly community spirit.