



# GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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## Stranger danger

Parents and guardians are encouraged to educate their children in good personal safety practices including 'stranger danger' awareness. Some points to reinforce with your children are:

- walk to school in groups and not alone
- don't walk around the streets alone, ring your parents to pick you up
- let your parents know where you are going and if your plans change
- don't approach cars if someone stops and asks questions.

Teach your children to remember information such as your address and mobile phone number, and how to identify a trusted adult if they need help.

Following reports of a man approaching children across Canberra, ACT Policing is working closely with the Education Directorate to reinforce messages around stranger safety in schools.

More information on ways to stay safe is available on the Constable Kenny website:

<http://www.constablekenny.org.au/>

If your child comes home and informs you of an incident, contact police immediately on **131 444**.

If you notice any one acting suspiciously around children, contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or via the online reporting form at:

<https://act.crimestoppers.com.au/crime-stoppers-information-report#main-content>

## ACT Policing Information

- ACT Policing is reminding the public to prioritise car security. Motor vehicle break-ins and thefts are often opportunistic crimes which rise over the winter period.
- ACT Policing is also reminding the public to remain vigilant for scams. Canberrans have lost over \$690,000 to scams in recent months.



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**ATTENTION DOG OWNERS: Please help keep our footpaths, playgrounds and other public areas free of dog droppings.**

A few moments of your time and some biodegradable bags is all that is required, it's that easy! Undisposed dog excrement presents health risks to us all. A previous survey found that only 50% of dog owners always collected their dogs excrement, and that men were the worst culprits. It was also found that 10% never picked up after their dog, and a further 5% would only do so if someone was watching. **The message is simple: PICK UP THE POO!**



**LITTER THREATENS OUR WATERWAYS**

Discarded plastic, food wrappers, polystyrene cups, cans, glass bottles and various other forms of rubbish continues to threaten our waterways. Whether deliberately deposited or transported by stormwater runoff, this litter poses a serious threat to our natural environment. Certain wastes can have chemical and biological impacts on lakes and streams, and be hazardous to wildlife.

Depending on their form they can either be ingested, causing internal organ failure or cause slow strangulation. Interfering with the establishment of aquatic plants and affecting the reproductive behaviour of fish and other water living creatures.

The water from Point Hut Pond runs into the Murrumbidgee water system, an important ecological source. A quick 15 minute search this week exposed the following items in Point Hut Pond: Tyres, plastic milk crates, metal poles, glass and plastic bottles, cans, polystyrene, corrugated plastic signs, plastic bags, cardboard, rubber balls, fishing line with hooks attached, clothing and syringes.

**PLEASE, DO THE RIGHT THING. YOUR COOPERATION IN PRESERVING THE SAFETY OF OUR WATERWAYS IS IMPORTANT FOR US ALL.**

**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.

## Everybody needs good neighbours - are you a good neighbour?

We have received feedback from our article in Edition 31 *"How well do you know your neighbours"*.

If you are experiencing problems with your neighbours, you may find the information on the **Conflict Resolution Service** website <<http://www.crs.org.au/>> helpful and beneficial.

## Community Information Stall + FREE sausage sizzle

Gordon Neighbourhood Watch will be hosting a community information stall at Point Hut Pond Park from 12 noon till 1400 hours on Saturday 22 September 2018.

Application forms, information pamphlets and security stickers will be available as well as balloons for the children. A limited range of security items will be available at cost price. Questions from the community about Neighbourhood Watch are most welcome. A FREE (one per person) sausage sizzle will be available whilst stocks last.

**In appreciation of Mr Ugo Bayada.** Pictured here receiving a certificate of appreciation for seven years of service in his role with Gordon Neighbourhood Watch. During this time Ugo has been a member of the Executive Committee, a newsletter deliverer, assisted at NHW/ACT Policing information stalls, participated in Clean Up Australia events and generously made his home available for committee meetings. At 84 years of age, Ugo is a great example of a community minded citizen **Thank you Ugo!**



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.

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

MATSON	AO	03/07/18	KNOKE	OT	03/07/18	CLARE DENNIS	PD	14/07/18
LEWIS LUXTON	AO	31/07/18	SID BARNES	OT	25/07/18	CALLAWAY	PD	27/07/18
HANSEL	A	20/06/18	WOODCOCK	OT	13/06/18	DARCY	OT	30/06/18
HOLLIS	AO	04/05/18	FINGLETON	AO	12/05/18	LARKIN	AO	30/05/18
MINA WYLIE	OT	03/05/18	POINT HUT	AR	20/05/18	BENSTEAD	PD	09/05/18

## Newsletter deliverers wanted.

Just an hour or two of your time every 2 to 3 months is all it takes to contribute positively to your local community. For further information, contact us at: [gordon@nhwact.com.au](mailto:gordon@nhwact.com.au)

**Web of support.** [www.shout.org.au](http://www.shout.org.au) Tel: 02 6290 1984

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**Support Services Directory. Self-help Groups. Information at your Fingertips.**



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<b>Big Barber</b>	number tba	<b>M &amp; K Meats</b>	6284 7700
<b>Coffee Guru</b>	6284 9614	<b>McIntyre Property</b>	6294 9393
<b>Dancing Noodle</b>	6294 9462	<b>Ray Swift Moutrage</b>	6294 2706
<b>Handy Seven</b>	No Number	<b>Subway</b>	6284 8543
<b>Kingsley's Chicken</b>	6284 9277	<b>Sushi Island</b>	6294 2903
<b>Lanyon Hair Centre</b>	6284 9060	<b>Woolworths</b>	6284 8011

### Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Committee

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**Area Coordinator:** Mark Lynch      **Secretariat:** Pauline Smith  
**Treasurer:** Michele Chaseling      **Fundraiser & Newsletter Coordinator:** Sheila Lynch  
**Executive Committee members:** Ugo Bayada, Mark Peirce & Phil Smith

**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.