



Neighbourhood Watch

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Illegal parking at and around schools

Everyone has a responsibility to adhere to traffic regulations, especially in school zones where unsafe driving and parking can put children at risk. The ACT Government is actively monitoring school zones to ensure legal and safe parking around schools. Examples of illegal parking are:

- Double parking (\$153 fine)
- Parking in a no parking zone (\$114 fine)
- Parking on a footpath or nature strip (\$114 fine)
- Stopping over a children's crossing (\$383 fine)

The above are only a few examples. The ACT Parking Infringements guide can be found at www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au.

Man approaching students in Woden area

ACT Policing is investigating recent incidents in the Woden area where several children have been approached by a man attempting to entice them into a vehicle. Police have received

reports of a man approaching students before and after school in several Woden suburbs. As a result of these reports there is an increased police presence in and around these suburbs.

ACT Policing is seeking to identify the man who is described as Caucasian in appearance, aged in his late 30s to early 40s with dark hair and a deep voice. He is approximately 170cm (5'7") tall and of slim build. On some occasions the man was wearing a light grey tracksuit, t-shirt, black puffer-style vest and a black beanie.

ACT Policing is working closely with the Education Directorate. This a good time to remind everyone to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the importance of reporting any unusual approaches immediately on 131 444 or in the case of emergency, Triple Zero (000).

Police are urging anyone who may have any information that could assist, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via act.crimestoppers.com.au. Please quote reference 6268964. Information can be provided anonymously.



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From ACT Policing

ACT Policing has been out in force in April keeping Canberra safe, with many operational successes and community events.

Across the Easter long weekend, ACT Policing's Traffic Operations led Operation Safe Arrival. Members issued 402 Traffic Infringement Notices and conducted 5,818 roadside breath tests and 82 roadside drug tests. Of those roadside tests, 21 people were found to be over the prescribed limit for alcohol and 18 people that showed a positive indication for drugs.

A 21-year-old woman faced court on 2 April, charged with multiple traffic offences after she failed to stop for police. The driver and her passenger had tried to run away from police, but were taken into custody a short distance from the car.

A 35-year-old Lyneham man faced court on 6 April charged with four aggravated robberies committed in March and April at businesses in North Lyneham, Lyneham, Braddon and O'Connor. Officers conducted a number of search warrants and investigations led police to arrest the man.

Police arrested two men following the theft of three cars from residences in Weston and Crace. One of these men faced 20 charges including three counts of taking a motor vehicle without consent, six charges of driving having never held a licence and other property and traffic offences.

The other man faced charges of taking a motor vehicle without consent and riding/driving a motor vehicle without consent.

ACT Policing's very own Detective Station Sergeant Harry Hains received the honour of the Community Protection Medal. At a ceremony on 6 April, Sergeant Hains was recognised for his exceptional contribution to protecting the Canberra community, particularly in the fields of front line community policing, criminal investigations and community engagement over a significant period.

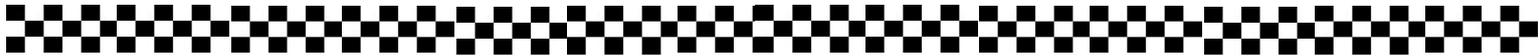
Chief Police Officer for the ACT Justine Saunders joined Minister for Police and Emergency Services Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety Shane Rattenbury and ACT Emergency Services Agency Commissioner Dominic Lane to announce the introduction of a new road transport offence.

The new legislation requires drivers to reduce their speed to 40km/h when passing or overtaking a stationary or slow moving emergency vehicle, while they are displaying a blue or red flashing light. The new legislation came into effect on Saturday 14 April. For more information visit www.police.act.gov.au.

Deputy Chief Police Officer Crime, Commander Mark Walters spoke to ABC about Canberra's Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) Project Booyah, and the recent graduation of seven young men from the program.

Project Booyah is an established 20-week early-intervention program for disadvantaged young people which focuses on adventure based learning, social development, skills training, mentoring from ACT Policing and other members of the community.

Deputy Chief Police Officer Walters said the program engages with kids who are disengaging



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from school and other parts of society, some of whom have sadly fallen onto the wrong path.

“Every kid out there has good in them and sometimes they just need some encouragement and guidance to put them on the right track, and that is what this program is there to do,” Commander Walters said.

A 25-year-old man faced the ACT Magistrates Court on 10 April following an aggravated robbery in Manuka last year, where a male offender entered the Subway restaurant in armed with a knife. ACT Policing’s Criminal Investigations took carriage of the investigation and subsequently charged a man with one count aggravated robbery with an offensive weapon.

A 37-year-old man headed to court on 15 April following an alleged act of animal cruelty. It’s alleged the man stole an acquaintance’s dogs and had harmed one of them. He pointed a gun at the owner and another person and made demands for money to release the animals. Thankfully the dogs were released.

As part of Operation Tribulation, members of ACT Policing’s Criminal Investigations, with the assistance of the AFP Specialist Response Group and the AFP Canine Team conducted 15 search warrants across Canberra.

During the execution of these warrants police located and seized:

- Over \$100,000 in cash
- Six vehicles
- A shortened firearm and ammunition
- Drugs including trafficable quantities of substances believed to be cocaine, MDMA, cannabis, anabolic steroids

- Other assets including residential properties, bank accounts and jewellery with a combined estimated value of \$1.5 million

Five males were arrested in Canberra and faced court on 23 April charged with drug trafficking offences. One of those males will face additional charges in relation to the importation of border controlled drugs. A sixth man was arrested in Sydney and is currently in the custody of NSW Police. Following the extradition process he will be charged with drug trafficking offences.

Detective Superintendent Scott Moller said Operation Tribulation remains ongoing and police will continue to target organised criminal syndicates operating in the ACT.

“We are committed to not only prosecuting offenders, but stripping them of all wealth and assets derived from serious and organised crime,” Detective Superintendent Moller said.

Members from ACT Policing arrested a 23-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman at the Canberra Southern Cross Club at Phillip. The man and woman were located driving a stolen motor vehicle. The vehicle had been involved in a number of aggravated burglaries and police pursuits in the preceding days.

Five missing persons were safely returned to their families this month thanks to the work of ACT Policing officers and the assistance of the public through social media shares.

ACT Policing is also reminding people to be prepared and stay safe in the outdoors. In the past six months, ACT Policing, ACT Parks and Conservation, AFP Search and Rescue and the SES have responded to numerous reports about people missing in reserves and national parks.

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Car security

- Always lock doors and close windows when your vehicle is unattended
- Park your car in the street and use an area that is well lit at night
- If you must leave valuables in your car, make sure they are locked away out of sight
- Spare keys should never be hidden in or on the car
- If you have a garage, use it rather than leaving your car in the driveway or on the street
- Remove credit cards, driver’s licence and registration papers from the glove box
- Record serial numbers of valuables and details of your car such as make, model and engine number
- Engrave or mark your property with your driver’s licence number preceded by ‘A’ for ACT. Also mark your licence number on several places in the car
- When your car is being repaired, leave only the ignition key
- Avoid placing your personal details on keys
- Take your car keys with you or hide them when you leave your car at home unattended

Home fire safety

During the colder months, fires can easily start in your home leading to tragedy for you and your family. Take precautions now within your home to reduce the risk of a fire starting.

ACT Fire & Rescue advises that all residential properties should be fitted with **working smoke alarms**. Smoke alarms must be checked on a regular basis. You should change your smoke alarm battery at least once a year, usually at the end of daylight saving.

Common causes of house fires include:

- BBQs
- Candles
- Clothes dryers
- Electric Blankets
- Power points

Crime Statistics – March 2018

WEBSTER	Motor vehicle theft	03/03/2018
KITCHENER	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	02/03/2018
WISDOM	Other theft	28/02/2018
CARROLL	Other theft	03/03/2018
WISDOM	Other theft	07/03/2018
GROOM	Other property damage	06/03/2018

Crime Statistics – April 2018

WISDOM	Burglary dwellings	29/03/2018
KENT	Burglary dwellings	12/04/2018
CONYERS	Burglary dwellings	28/04/2018
WEBSTER	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	02/04/2018
CARROLL	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	06/04/2018
COXEN	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	18/04/2018
BAMFORD	Other theft	08/04/2018
DOWNES	Other theft	27/04/2018

Emergency 000 Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or life threatening situation.	Police assistance 131 444 Call police for things like break-ins, robberies, violence or if you see a crime occurring.	Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Call Crime Stoppers if you have information about a crime.
		
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