



# Neighbourhood Watch



MELBA / SPENCE



December 2017

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## Neighbourhood Watch in Melba and Spence is in trouble, Neighbourhood Watch needs your help!

Do you live in one of the streets listed here?

- Alfred Hill
- Bennet
- Bowling
- Brash
- Buckman
- Charvin
- Dalgleish
- Delany
- Dodd
- Edmunds
- Ennis
- Garrard
- Goldner
- Grainger
- Hancock
- Hosking
- Ives
- Keats
- Kruse
- Lovelock
- Macdonald
- Mewton
- Miranda
- Orchard
- Saville
- Scarlett
- Scattergood
- Sharp
- Sherwin
- Stewart
- Traynor
- Verbruggen
- Wallis

If yes, please call Bruce Kennedy on 6258 1360 and offer to deliver around 50 newsletters four times per year.

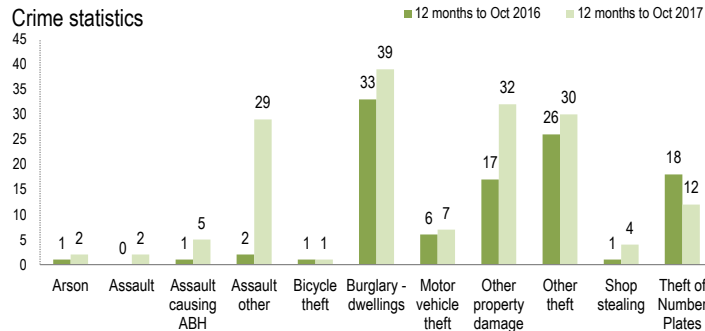
Neighbourhood Watch also needs some administrative help.

Can you spare an hour or two every few months to make sure we have enough deliverers to drop a newsletter at every residence? If so, please ring Bruce.

### Criminal Activity Reported by Police: October 2017

Offence type	Suburb	Street Name	Start Date
Assault other	MELBA	GOLDNER	Mon, 9 Oct 17
	MELBA	BOULT	Fri, 20 Oct 17
	MELBA	ALPEN	Wed, 25 Oct 17
Burglary dwellings	SPENCE	CLARK	Fri, 6 Oct 17
	SPENCE	CLARK	Sat, 14 Oct 17
Motor vehicle theft	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Sun, 8 Oct 17
Other property damage	SPENCE	CROFTS	Thu, 5 Oct 17
	SPENCE	O'NEILL	Mon, 9 Oct 17
	MELBA	BOULT	Fri, 27 Oct 17
Other theft	MELBA	ALPEN	Tue, 10 Oct 17
	MELBA	HENSLOWE	Sun, 22 Oct 17
Shop stealing	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Wed, 4 Oct 17

### Crime statistics

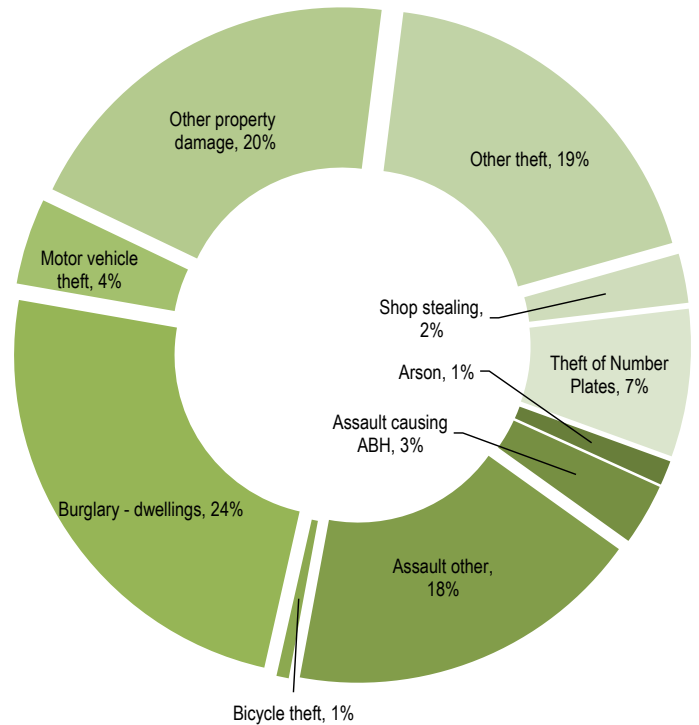


The AFP advises that any crimes included in a month's statistics would not have been previously advised. Requests for further information for any purpose should be directed to the AFP in writing.

\*Other theft means: the unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods or services, without the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner or possessor of the use of the money or goods. Other Theft also includes the theft or illegal use of bicycles, boats or aircraft, stealing from a person, fare evasion, shoplifting and theft of motor vehicle parts or contents. | "Theft - this mainly includes shoplifting and theft from motor vehicles | Stolen Motor Vehicles Arson - any fire that is deemed to be suspicious | Burglary Dwellings - this includes houses and garages/sheds, and property stolen from back yards/ front yards etc. | Assault - this covers physical assault usually in the form of a violent attack

### Crime statistics - Melba/Spence

12 months October 2017



Neighbourhood Watch Service: Engravers available to borrow for one week at a time (telephone Bruce 6258 1360). Free window stickers available (Ask Lee at Spence Pharmacy, Spence).

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**Melba Rain 2017 – Late Spring Falls Ease Drought Threat**

Rain has been inconsistent this year, and for most of the time on the dry side. Between 24 May and 4 July just one solitary millimetre dampened the gauge. Nothing like that has happened since 1982, even in the driest years.

Here's how Melba's rain has been distributed during the period 2009-2017, up to 19 Nov.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Avg (1982-2016)
Jan	53	6	61	43	61	10	123	103	17	62
Feb	13	158	155	188	61	95	13	41	24	58
Mar	8	82	51	276	34	99	18	40	120	60
Apr	90	32	15	17	20	94	102	10	46	46
May	5	81	22	33	13	24	14	78	57	44
Jun	41	36	17	52	109	75	83	173	1	58
Jul	52	79	48	51	53	31	44	104	23	62
Aug	37	98	67	49	31	42	78	60	62	61
Sep	85	91	44	52	70	46	19	191	21	68
Oct	41	97	29	65	18	60	21	54	63	58
Nov	27	141	163	38	98	32	79	75	60	77
Dec	97	183	50	44	21	108	45	59		64
Total	549	1084	722	908	589	716	639	988	494	718

The average is for 1982-2016. Please contact me if you want to find out more: Bruce Kennedy [brubarb@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brubarb@optusnet.com.au)

**Making your home more secure**

Keys:

- Never leave spare keys outside your home. Thieves know all the usual hiding places including under the door mats and pot plants.
- Consider buying a key safe which can be bolted outside and opened using a numerical code.
- Don't have personal details such as your name, address and telephone number on your keys.
- Give a duplicate set of keys to a trusted friend, relative or neighbour.
- If you lose your keys or move into a new home make sure you change the locks.
- If someone contacts you saying they have found your keys, ask them to drop them off at the nearest police station.

Windows:

- Install key operated locks on all windows making sure they can be opened with a master key.
- Use laminated glass or shatter resistant window film to help prevent

windows being broken.

Doors:

- Install quality deadlocks on all your external doors.
- Keep security doors locked at all times.
- Check your doors are correctly fitted and working properly.
- Check door frames are secure.
- Install a peephole in your front door and always check the identification of strangers.
- Secure garage door with deadlocks or strong padlocks

Yards:

- Ensure trees and shrubs are trimmed, especially those close to your house that could be climbed to gain access to your property.
- Make sure you keep all gates locked. The rear and side of homes are often targeted by thieves.
- Always lock tools, ladders and garden equipment away so these items cannot be used by thieves to gain entry to your home.
- Install movement activated security lights at the front and back of your home.

**What is NHW? What does it do?** NHW is a community framework with a simple, important mission for the benefit of the community. "Fostering Safer Communities in the ACT"

Melba / Spence, endeavours to accomplish this mission through a three dimensional model consisting of the Melba/Spence community at large, a team of dedicated volunteer deliverers, and an operations support team that forms the conduit between the ACT NHW organisation and us who live in Melba or Spence.

The Deliverers are in the frontline, delivering information such as crime statistics, crime prevention information and other relevant community information published in our quarterly newsletter by our Editor. That information and more is also available on our Melba/Spence Facebook page. [facebook.com/neighbourhoodwatchmelbaspence](https://www.facebook.com/neighbourhoodwatchmelbaspence).

Deliverers are supported by a team consisting of volunteers who perform the following roles; Editor; Treasurer; and Delivery team-lead.

Our Coordinator manages all activities to achieve the NHW mission and forms the conduit to the ACT NHW organisation that is, among other things, the link to ACT Policing.

Support our NHW where you can, leading towards a vision of a viable community that operates alongside ACT Policing to promote safety, security and well-being throughout our community.

Important numbers: Police attendance: 131 444 | SES: 13 22 81| Domestic Animal Services: 6207 2424 | RSPCA: 6287 8100| Emergencies: 000| Domestic Violence Crisis Service: 6280 0900 | Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 | Lifeline: 131 114 | National Security concerns 1800 123 400.



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