



# Neighbourhood Watch



## MELBA / SPENCE

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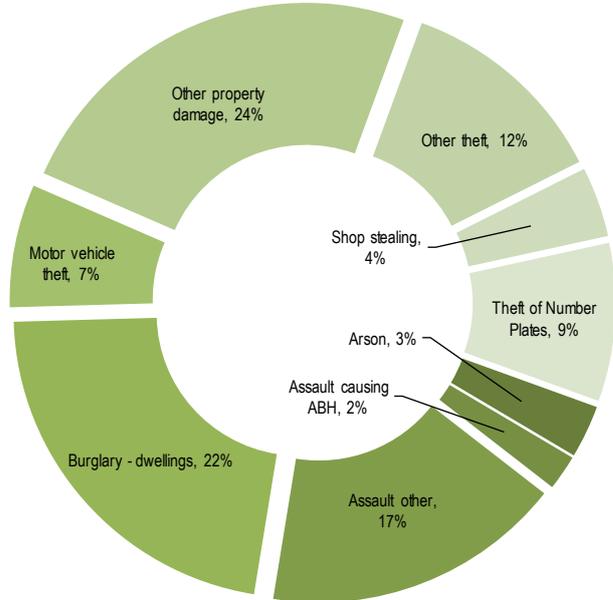
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### Criminal Activity Reported by Police: November, December 2017, January, February 2018

Offence type	Suburb	Street Name	Start Date
Arson	MELBA	HENSLOWE	Sun, 11 Feb 18
	MELBA	LEVEY	Wed, 14 Feb 18
Assault other	SPENCE	HANCOCK	Fri, 13 Oct 17
	SPENCE	ONEILL	Sun, 12 Nov 17
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Wed, 22 Nov 17
	MELBA	FLOWER	Wed, 29 Nov 17
	MELBA	CLUTSAM	Tue, 19 Dec 17
	MELBA	LAVER	Fri, 12 Jan 18
Burglary - dwellings	MELBA	ALFRED HILL	Sat, 4 Nov 17
	MELBA	PALING	Sat, 11 Nov 17
	MELBA	HORSLEY	Sat, 16 Dec 17
	SPENCE	CLAREY	Sun, 24 Dec 17
	MELBA	HORSLEY	Mon, 25 Dec 17
	SPENCE	THORNTON	Fri, 5 Jan 18
	SPENCE	HOUGHTON	Sun, 7 Jan 18
	MELBA	IVES	Tue, 16 Jan 18
	MELBA	SHERWIN	Tue, 16 Jan 18
	MELBA	LEVEY	Wed, 31 Jan 18
Motor vehicle theft	MELBA	PALING	Sun, 25 Feb 18
	SPENCE	ONEILL	Mon, 6 Nov 17
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Tue, 5 Dec 17
	MELBA	ALFRED HILL	Mon, 25 Dec 17
Other property damage	SPENCE	BENNET	Thu, 8 Feb 18
	SPENCE	ONEILL	Thu, 9 Nov 17
	MELBA	WALLACE	Sun, 24 Dec 17
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Thu, 4 Jan 18
Other theft	MELBA	HENSLOWE	Sun, 11 Feb 18
	SPENCE	SCATTERGOOD	Sat, 11 Nov 17
	MELBA	GRAINGER	Thu, 16 Nov 17
	MELBA	MCEACHERN	Thu, 16 Nov 17
	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Wed, 22 Nov 17
	MELBA	STEWART	Fri, 24 Nov 17
	MELBA	MELBA	Tue, 5 Dec 17
	SPENCE	SCATTERGOOD	Wed, 27 Dec 17
	SPENCE	BOYLAND	Fri, 5 Jan 18
	MELBA	DELANY	Tue, 16 Jan 18
Shop stealing	MELBA	HENSLOWE	Sat, 20 Jan 18
	SPENCE	HEALY	Sun, 11 Feb 18
Theft of Number Plates	SPENCE	COPLAND	Thu, 8 Feb 18
	MELBA	CONLEY	Fri, 15 Dec 17
	SPENCE	O'NEILL	Mon, 12 Feb 18

Crime statistics - Melba/Spence

12 months February 2018



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.

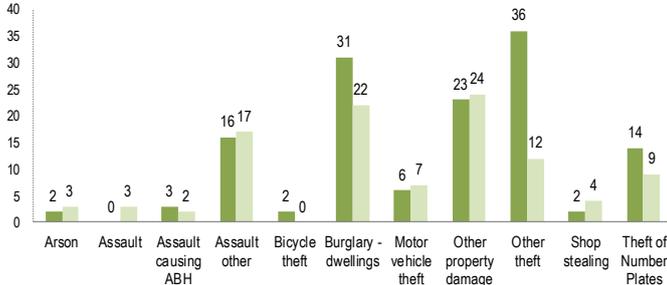
\*Other theft means: the unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods or services, without the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner or possessor of the use of the money or goods. Other Theft also includes the theft or illegal 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

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).

[facebook.com/NHWACT](https://facebook.com/NHWACT) and [@NHWMelbaSpence](https://twitter.com/NHWMelbaSpence)

Melba/Spence has started the first twitter account in the ACT NHW Group. It is designed to have updates and information on what's going on in our area. We would love the interaction of our area residents and make it truly local to us.

Crime statistics



### NHW Melba/Spence Area Coordinator

Our current Coordinator Ben Harkin is unable to continue in this role in 2018 for personal reasons. We are now asking for those who can help with the continued administration of NHW Melba/Spence, including the Coordinator's role, to come forward by contacting John on

[johnnhw@tunza.com.au](mailto:johnnhw@tunza.com.au) or [melbaspace@nhw.com.au](mailto:melbaspace@nhw.com.au); or contact Kirsten on [Kirsten\\_lewis@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Kirsten_lewis@optusnet.com.au).

NHW Melba/Spence also takes this opportunity to thank Ben for his support to NHW! John Warouw – Acting Area Coordinator



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## Making your home more secure

- Visible alarm equipment can be an effect deterrent to thieves
- The alarm system you choose should cover all external doors and windows

Other general security tips for your home are:

- Your house number should be clearly visible, both day and night for the street in case of an emergency
- Keep your front door locked when you at the back of the house
- Do not leave messages on the front door. It lets people know you are not home.
- Avoid having parcels left on the door step. If you have to have something delivered while you are out, have a neighbour collect it.
- When out, leave the radio or television on, or a light in the evening to give the impression you are home
- Keep cash and valuables out of sight
- Secure your meter box with a lock from ActewAGL

## What should you do if you are burgled?

If you suspect that you have been burgled, call police immediately. If you have arrived home alone, ask a neighbour to come in to the house with you and wait until the police arrive. If you suspect the thieves are still inside your house, do not enter the premises. If you have entered your home and are waiting for the police to arrive, compile a list of serial numbers, accurate descriptions and any engraving details. Remember not to touch anything. It is important that police see your home exactly as it was left so they can obtain valuable evidence.

If you require more information on home safety, you can visit [www.homesafety.act.gov.au](http://www.homesafety.act.gov.au)

## A safety audit of your home can identify areas where security could be improved.

The following checklist can be used to review your home security.

- Is the house number clearly visible from the street?
- Could offenders be seen in the yard?
- Do front and rear doors have a solid core?
- Are the doors fitted with a deadlock/deadbolt?
- Are security screens fitted?
- Does the door have a peephole?
- Do the windows have key-operated locks or security devices?
- Does one key open all doors or windows?
- Does the house have an automatic light-timer or sensor-activated lights?
- Are lights left on when you go out?
- Is there lighting at main entry/exits?
- Is there a telephone extension in the main bedroom?
- Are emergency numbers keyed into the telephone?
- Do you have an alarm? If so, is it used and serviced regularly?

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- Is the garage/shed securely locked?
- Is the meter box locked?
- Are tools/ladders secure?
- Is household property engraved or marked for identification?
- Has valuable property been photographed?
- Have 'WARNING' stickers advising that household property has been marked for identification been stuck to windows?

## Protecting your property

Think about what you might do to make it harder for a thief to find and sell your valuables belongings. List all your valuable items – remembering that anything small, valuable and easily moved is fair game for burglars. If you are unfortunate enough to be burgled, having a list will enable you to identify what is missing and will assist police by giving them a full description of the missing property.

It is harder for thieves to sell property that has personal identification and if police recover marked property, it's easier to claim your items.

Mark your goods with an engraver (available to borrow from Bruce 6258 1360). Engrave your property with your driver's licence number, prefixed by "A" for ACT.

Photograph small valuable items (e.g. Antiques, watches or jewellery) for easy identification. Use a matchbox or ruler in the photograph to give an idea of size. Always keep photographs, negatives and credit card dockets or receipts with your property list to help with identification and insurance claims.

Put up Neighbourhood Watch stickers or stickers provided by security firms to let thieves know your property is marked.

Store valuation certificates in a safe place and keep accurate records of what you own. It will give police a better chance of locating your property. Write down the make, model, size, colour, serial number of original costs of each item.

If you're suspicious about something next door, down the street or in your neighbourhood, call police (131 444). Note useful details such as a description of suspicious vehicle or person(s). Don't take unnecessary risks. If you see someone acting suspiciously don't approach or challenge. Give all the information you have to the police.

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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