



## WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – December 2017

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### About NHW

NHW is a community crime prevention program aimed at promoting a sense of safety, security and wellbeing. It seeks to reduce crime, particularly property crime and offences against the person and it aims to promote a secure environment resulting in safe and active neighbourhoods. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours' properties, particularly if no one is home, and to report any suspicious behaviour to police.

You can show your support for this worthwhile organisation by becoming a member, with no fee involved. **The application form can be accessed via the following website link: [www.nhwact.com.au](http://www.nhwact.com.au).**

Anyone willing to assist with delivery of newsletters in their nearby streets, **especially in the Wanniassa Hills area**, or with any other NHW activities, should contact the Area Coordinator, either by phone or (preferably) email. The relevant details are shown in the banner heading above.

### Report it

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.act.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.act.crimestoppers.com.au). If a crime is in progress or police attendance is required, it should be reported promptly to the police on 131 444.

It is important to report all suspicious activity no matter how trivial it may appear. A particular incident may be one part of other related incidents and this report may lead police to apprehend offenders.

Crimes can be reported online (preferably) at either the 'report a crime' tab at [www.police.act.gov.au](http://www.police.act.gov.au) or the 'report crime online' tab at [www.act.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.act.crimestoppers.com.au) or direct to a police station. For record purposes, we encourage you to also indicate that you are a Neighbourhood Watch member when reporting incidents or providing information.

### What do I report?

It is important to notice and report any identifying features of suspicious people or vehicles. The more distinguishing features noticed the better to assist patrolling police with their enquiries.

These can include such things as gender, height, shape, hair, clothing, any particular traits or characteristics such as walking with a limp, stooped, etc.

Similarly for vehicles, any additional details including number plate, size of vehicle, SUV 4-wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, hatchback, colour, any damage or conspicuous features in the paintwork, significant wheels, etc.

Also, if you notice a child or animal trapped in a hot vehicle, please call 000 to ensure prompt attention from both ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance.

### Bushfire Alert and Advice

It is timely to remind residents that the bushfire season is upon us again. The fire authorities are reminding us it may be a higher than normal bushfire risk season and to prepare our homes and properties NOW.

All householders should be aware of and make themselves familiar with the essential emergency procedures that are recommended by the ACT Emergency Services Agency. Comprehensive information and related plans can be accessed at <http://esa.act.gov.au/emergency-management/emergency-arrangements/>.

Know your risk! Check if your house is located in a bushfire prone area and prepare your exit strategy by planning your exit routes in the event of an emergency.

Download and complete a [Bushfire Survival Plan](#). This plan contains everything you need to know about bushfire safety and survival. Make sure everyone in your household is brushed up on the plan regularly!

A Bushfire Survival Plan helps you make important decisions before you are threatened by a bushfire. Your plan will help protect the lives of your family and assist you in preparing your home to survive the threat of bushfire.

### ACT Policing Campaigns

ACT Policing's traffic focus during the month of December will be "alcohol and drug impaired driving." As part of this focus, ACT Policing traffic vehicles will display new safety designs on the rear windows, reminding Canberra drivers to stay safe on our roads.

Alcohol and drug impaired driving is one of the five highest contributing factors to fatal vehicle collisions on ACT roads. To date for 2017, ACT Policing has apprehended and charged 900 drink driving offenders and 461 drug driving offenders.

ACT Policing will continue to do their part by performing random breath and drug testing to help make our roads a safer place.

### Facebook Presence

ACT Neighbourhood Watch now has a Facebook page. On our site you will find some useful information relevant to community safety in the ACT. This includes helpful advice and instruction on crime prevention and reporting. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/>, as well as our handy website at <http://www.nhwact.com.au/>.

## Monthly Crime Statistics

The following criminal offences have been reported in Wanniasa since the previous Newsletter.

Offence type	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Assault (ABH & Other)	2	7	4
Motor vehicle theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	1	-	-
- Longmore Crescent	-	-	1
- Lazarus Place	-	-	1
- Osmand Street	-	-	1
Number plates theft			
- Balfour Crescent	1	-	-
- Kirkton Street	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	-	-
- Carr Crescent	-	1	-
- Byrne Street	-	1	-
- Degrares Crescent	-	1	-
- Langdon Avenue	-	-	1
- Gartside Street	-	-	2
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	2
- Guthridge Crescent	-	-	1
- Sternberg Crescent	-	-	1
Arson			
- Bussau Close	-	-	1
Burglary – dwellings			
- Degrares Crescent	1	-	-
- Rylah Crescent	1	-	-
- Kirkton Street	-	1	-
- Jenner Court	-	1	-
- Leggatt Street	-	1	-
- Bromell Circuit	-	1	-
- Turnbull Place	-	1	-
- McWhae Circuit	-	1	-
Bicycle theft			
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	1	-	1
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	3	-	-
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	3	-	-
- Sternberg Crescent	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	-	-
- Tytherleigh Street	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	2	-	-
- Michie Street	1	-	-
- Carr Crescent	1	-	1
- Balfour Crescent	1	-	-
- Sullivan Crescent	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	-	1	-
- Harbison Crescent	-	2	-
- Kirkton Street	-	1	-
- Methven Place	-	1	-
- O'Grady Place	-	1	-
- Watkins Street	-	1	-
- Ashley Drive	-	3	1
- Illingworth Street	-	1	-

- Hoddinott Street	-	1	-
- Osmand Street	-	1	2
- Rylah Crescent	-	1	-
- Embling Street	-	1	1
- Bromley Street	-	1	-
- Comrie Street	-	1	-
- Grattan Court	-	-	1
- Styles Place	-	-	1
- Ramsay Place	-	-	1
- Sangster Place	-	-	2
- Longmore Crescent	-	-	1
- Jenner Court	-	-	1
- Hyland Place	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- McBryde Crescent	2	-	-
- Halfrey Circuit	1	-	-
- Langdon Avenue	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	-	-	1
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>

### Fix My Street

A new interactive version of 'Fix My Street' is now available where you can type in a suburb name and view the bin collection, mowing and street sweeping schedules for the suburb, also a map showing issues reported in your suburb recently. The website can be accessed at: [www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet/](http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/services/fixmystreet/).

### What's in a Name?

As previously mentioned, the theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

**Harbison Crescent: John Harbison** (c1825-1915), Melbourne City Councillor 1860-63, Alderman 1863-68; MLA for West Melbourne 1864-65, North Melbourne 1866-71.

### Conclusion

I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the manager and staff of Luton Real Estate in Tuggeranong for their generous support, as well as to those members that have assisted with delivery of the Newsletters during the year.

Finally, I want to wish all Wanniasa NHW members and other local residents a safe and joyous festive season and a happy and prosperous 2018.

### Useful Numbers:

<b>Emergencies (serious/life threatening)</b>	<b>000</b>
<b>Police Attendance (minor crimes)</b>	<b>131 444</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers (provide info)</b>	<b>1800 333 000</b>
<b>State Emergency Service</b>	<b>132 500</b>
<b>Conflict Resolution Service</b>	<b>6162 4050</b>
<b>Home Safety Program</b>	<b>6163 9084</b>
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<b>6257 1687</b>
<b>Access Canberra</b>	<b>132 281</b>
<b>Water/sewer emergency</b>	<b>131 193</b>



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