



WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – June 2018

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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.**

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. 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 or the 'report crime online' link at <https://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.

ACT Policing Information

ACT Policing is reminding drivers to keep their attention on the road as police target driver distraction this month.

Driver distraction is any action that takes a driver's attention away from the road or impacts their driving ability, with the most common related offence in the ACT being mobile phone use.

Also, a new road transport offence has recently commenced in the ACT to improve the safety of emergency services personnel.

The new offence requires drivers to reduce their speed to 40km/h when passing or overtaking a stationary or slow moving emergency vehicle that is displaying a blue or red flashing light. If the emergency vehicle is on the other side of a divided road, separated by a median strip, you do not need to slow down.

This new law applies on all roads across Canberra and the infringement notice penalty for this offence is \$257 and two demerit points

Facebook Presence

ACT Neighbourhood Watch has a Facebook page where you will find some worthwhile information relevant to community safety in the ACT. This includes helpful advice and instruction on crime prevention and reporting.

You can find us at www.facebook.com/NHWACT/, or via our useful website at www.nhwact.com.au.



Monthly Crime Statistics

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

Offence type	Mar.	Apr.	May
Assault (ABH & Other)	3	1	1
Motor vehicle theft			
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
- Balfour Crescent	1	1	-
- Ashley Drive	1	-	-
- Langdon Avenue	-	1	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Levi Place	-	1	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
- Drakeford Drive	-	-	1
Number plates theft			
- Ashley Drive	2	-	1
- Greeves Street	1	-	-
- Gaunson Crescent	1	-	-
- Adamson Crescent	1	-	-
- Butterley Place	-	1	-
- Styles Place	-	1	1
- Cuthbert Circuit	-	1	-
- Kirkton Street	-	1	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
- Rylah Crescent	-	-	1
Burglary – dwellings			
- Langdon Avenue	1	-	-
- Sternberg Crescent	1	-	-
- Thornley Place	-	1	-
- Balfour Crescent	-	1	-
- Cuthbert Circuit	-	1	-
- Kirkton Street	-	-	2
Bicycle theft			
- Wheeler Crescent	-	1	-
Arson			
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	1	3	1
- Denigan Street	-	2	-
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	2	1	2
- Rylah Crescent	7	12	4
- Degraives Crescent	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	1	5	4
- Styles Place	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	1	3
- Comrie Street	1	-	1
- Balfour Crescent	-	1	-
- Wheeler Crescent	-	1	-
- Keys Crescent	-	1	-
- Ireland Place	-	1	-
- Greeves Street	-	1	-
- Bromell Circuit	-	1	-
- Carr Crescent	-	-	1
- Sangster Place	-	-	1
- Jenner Court	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- Langdon Avenue	1	-	-

- Embling Street	1	-	-
- Langridge Street	1	-	-
- McWhae Circuit	1	-	-
- Hervey Place	1	-	-
- Erindale Drive	1	-	-
- Carr Crescent	-	1	-
- Adamson Crescent	-	1	-
- Garratt Street	-	1	-
- Tytherleigh Street	-	1	-
- Bromley Street	-	1	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Mackinnon Street	-	-	1
- Rylah Crescent	-	-	1
Total	34	51	29

Other Useful Information

- Cybercrime

The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) allows you to securely report cybercrime incidents which may be in breach of Australian law. By reporting cybercrime and protecting yourself online, you can help make Australia a harder target for cyber criminals. For more information visit the [ACORN website](#).

- Scams

Scamwatch provides information to consumers and small businesses about how to recognise, avoid and report scams. If you believe you may have been a victim of a scam, or someone has attempted to scam you, contact [Scamwatch](#).

- Fix My Street

An 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

Useful Numbers:

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



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