



WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – September 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 <https://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

You may be aware that Burglary, or house-breaking, is one of the most common crimes in the ACT.

Burglaries are often crimes of opportunity. Most intruders are looking for, and often find, a house left open or unlocked, making it easy for them to get what they can with ease and make a quick getaway.

Research suggests most burglaries are preventable. By applying a number of simple and inexpensive home security measures, you can deter intruders and reduce the risk of burglary to your home.

The September road user safety focus is Driver Distraction. Driver distraction is any action that takes a driver's attention away from the road and on to other elements in their environment. This includes using a mobile phone, driving with headphones, tuning your radio, applying make-up or managing children or pets on board.

Facebook Presence

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

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



Monthly Crime Statistics

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

Offence type	June	July	Aug.
Assault (ABH & Other)	4	4	3
Motor vehicle theft			
- Jenner Court	1	-	-
- O'Grady Place	1	-	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Guthridge Crescent	-	1	-
Number plates theft			
- Ashley Drive	2	-	-
- Harbison Crescent	1	-	-
- McWhae Circuit	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	1	-
- Bussau Close	-	1	-
Burglary – dwellings			
- Langdon Avenue	2	-	1
- Guthridge Crescent	1	-	-
- Sachse Place	-	1	-
- Fyfe Place	-	-	1
Bicycle theft			
- Denigan Street	-	-	1
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	1	-	1
- Denigan Street	-	1	2
- Gartside Street	-	-	1
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	5	-	2
- Rylah Crescent	9	1	-
- Denigan Street	2	1	1
- Gair Place	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	2	1	1
- O'Grady Place	-	1	-
- Ricardo Street	-	1	-
Other property damage			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	1	-
- Carr Crescent	1	-	-
- Langdon Avenue	-	1	-
- Rutledge Place	-	-	1
Total	36	17	17

What's in a Name?

The theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

Balfour Crescent: *James Balfour* (1830-1913), merchant and Victorian politician; MLA East Bourke 1866-68; MLC for Southern Province 1874-1904; for East Yarra Province 1904-13; Minister without Portfolio May-November 1890, 1899-1900.



Notice of Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. at 7.00pm on **Monday, 24 September** at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden (Orion Room)**.

Neighbourhood Watch Week

This year Neighbourhood Watch Week will take place from **Saturday 6th October to Friday 12th October**.

The aim of the week is to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch by raising public awareness of local Neighbourhood Watch programs and the benefits of belonging to a local Neighbourhood Watch group. The overall objective is to increase membership of and encourage participation in Neighbourhood Watch programs throughout Australia.



Once again there will be three key messages throughout NHW Week:

- **Become part of Neighbourhood Watch today**
- **Feel more connected in your neighbourhood**
- **You can prevent crime in your neighbourhood.**

We would like to encourage you to think about what you could do during NHW Week in your community. Do you have some new residents in your street who may like to join? Promote being connected to your community – belonging is worth celebrating!

For more information contact NHW ACT via your local Area Coordinator – details are shown in the banner heading above.

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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