



## WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – September 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, or with any other NHW activities in Wanniasa, 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.

### ACT Policing Campaigns

With half of all collisions in Canberra occurring at intersections, ACT Policing is currently targeting people breaking road rules around intersections as part of its joint multi-agency road safety strategy.

ACT Policing via the National Firearms Amnesty has seen over 120 firearms handed in since the amnesty commenced on 1 July. The amnesty runs until 30 September 2017 and people wanting to surrender their firearms or firearm-related items should surrender them at the ACT Firearms Registry, 86 Vicars Street, Mitchell during business hours.

### Neighbourhood Watch Week

This year Neighbourhood Watch Week will take place from **Monday 2nd October to Sunday 8th October 2017.**



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**
- **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!

We are conducting a Community Information Stall at Bunnings at Tuggeranong from 10.00am on **Saturday, 7 October**. You are welcome to visit and receive some good home safety information and meet some of our Board members to perhaps discuss any concerns with them or ACT Policing representatives.

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

## Monthly Crime Statistics

The following criminal offences have been reported in Wanniasa since the previous Newsletter. It is most pleasing to see a marked decrease in incidents in recent months.

Offence type	June	July	Aug.
Assault (ABH & Other)	9	3	1
Motor vehicle theft			
- Crews Place	1	-	-
- Sulwood Drive	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	1	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
- Sachse Place	-	1	-
- Wheeler Crescent	-	-	1
- Longmore Crescent	-	-	1
- Sangster Place	-	-	1
- Cuthbert Circuit	-	-	1
- Ricardo Street	-	-	1
Number plates theft			
- Turnbull Place	1	-	-
- Staughton Place	1	-	-
- Langridge Street	-	-	1
- Beaver Place	-	-	1
Arson			
- Cuthbert Circuit	-	-	1
Burglary – dwellings			
- McWhae Circuit	-	-	1
- Fincham Crescent	-	-	1
- Byrne Street	-	-	1
Bicycle theft			
- Longmore Crescent	-	1	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
- Mackinnon Street	-	-	2
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	1	3	1
- Comrie Street	2	-	-
- Gartside Street	-	-	1
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	2	-	-
- Gartside Street	3	1	2
- Dyte Place	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Ricardo Street	-	-	2
- Ashley Drive	-	-	3
- Guthridge Street	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- Rylah Crescent	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	2	-	-
- McWhae Circuit	1	-	-
- Embling Street	1	-	-
- Mackinnon Street	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	1	-
- Longmore Crescent	-	1	1
- Cuthbert Circuit	-	1	-
- Denigan Street	-	1	-
- Erindale Drive	-	-	1
- Athllon Drive	-	-	1
- Langdon Avenue	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>



## Notice of Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. to be held at 7.00pm on **Monday, 18 September** at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison, Bowman Street, Macquarie.

## Facebook Presence

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

## What's in a Name?

As you may be aware, the theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

**Fincham Crescent: George Randall Fincham** (1829-1901), mining agent and Victorian politician; MLA West Ballarat 1875-86.

## THE UV PACK

As previously mentioned, a UV pen and torch (pictured), with how to use instructions, is now **free** to all NHW members.

## MARK IT TODAY



**Marking your property makes ownership clear and gives the police a better chance of returning it to you.**

If you are already an **existing member** and would like a UV pack, or if you would like to **join and receive** the UV pack and other useful items, please contact your Area Coordinator via the details shown in the above banner heading.

## 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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