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 YARRALUMLA 70 & 71 NEWSLETTER

From the Area Coordinator

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The crime statistics for June and July showed a marked improvement over some earlier months. In June we recorded three crimes but they included one case of Assault Other and one burglary. There was another case of Assault Other in July and one of Other Theft. In contrast, Curtin had a difficult month in June with 16 crimes including one case of Assault, one burglary and one case of shop stealing. The other crimes were Other Theft and Other Property Damage. Deakin recorded 6 crimes in June including one case of burglary and one theft of number plates with the remainder being Other Theft and Other Property Damage. July saw an improvement in Curtin with 4 cases of Other Theft recorded and nothing else. Deakin's 5 crimes were all in the Other Theft and Other Property Damage categories.

It is timely to advise residents of the need to remain vigilant in the face of a rash of investment scams being reported. According to advice I have received from our ACT President, investment scams net between \$3m - \$4m per month in Australia.

Residents have been approached in relation to a solar panels scam and those that ask for Apple I tunes cards as payment. Then there are the old chestnuts of the "ATO", "your computer company" etc. The short advice seems to be "do not accept any commitment which you are unable to verify is above board".

In their July report, ACT Policing advised that "around 5pm on 5 July, a nine-year-old girl was playing in a reserve adjacent to her grandparents' house on Don Place, Spence when she was grabbed from behind by a man and dragged

into nearby bushes. The girl was only with the offender for a very short time before he released the child unharmed and fled toward Douglass Place, Spence.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to educate their children in good personal safety practices including 'stranger danger' awareness, and to contact police immediately if they become aware of similar incidents".

Further, they gave a warning about road safety. They said "Prior to July, police had issued more than 1900 Traffic Infringement Notices for speeding in 2018, including 34 for exceeding the speed limit by over 45 kilometres per hour. Officer-in-Charge of Traffic Operations, Station Sergeant David Wills urged ACT drivers to be mindful of speed limits on the roads, and also to be conscious of the dangers of violating those speed limits.

"There is simply no excuse for speeding," Station Sergeant Wills said.

"The faster you go the harder you hit, and the more likely a collision resulting in serious injury or death will occur. With nearly 2000 motorists booked for speeding so far in 2018, there are still far too many people out on Canberra's roads ignoring the speed limits".

Our enthusiastic collector of European Wasps nests, Philip Spradbery, has expressed his gratitude to all those residents who reported wasp nests. While the season is over for the present, Philip will return to the chase early next year.

I am grateful to those members who volunteered to deliver the newsletters in vacant zones but we need someone who can fill the void in Lane Poole Place. If you live in that area and would be prepared to deliver the newsletter, I should like to hear from you.

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National Missing Persons Week



ACT Policing is raising community awareness of long-term missing people while helping to reduce the incidence and impact of missing persons as the country marks the 30th anniversary of National Missing Persons Week.

There are currently 14 long-term missing persons reported in the ACT, including two involving persons missing overseas.

Last year, ACT Policing received 652 reports of missing people. As at 3rd August, in 2018 there have already been 427 reports.

The majority of people reported missing to police are located within a short period of time, usually within a week.

Detective Superintendent Jamey Bellicanta said it was important to give police all the facts and circumstances related to a missing person's disappearance, including search efforts already made by you and others.

"There is no timeframe to report someone as missing. You do not need to wait 24 hours," he said.

"If a person's whereabouts are unknown and there are fears for their safety or you have concerns for their welfare, contact ACT Policing immediately on 131444 or attend your local police station."

The more detail provided to police, the sooner police are able to follow-up leads, and the more likely the person will be found safe and well, helping to alleviate the stress and trauma for a missing person's relatives and friends.

"If a person's disappearance is out of character, follow your instincts and report to police immediately," he said.

Detective Superintendent Bellicanta said in some cases the missing person isn't aware they have been reported missing.

"While going missing is not a crime in itself, when someone does go missing, their life may be in danger and they may be at an increased risk of falling victim to a crime," he said. "Some people choose to go missing. If you are one of those people, we ask that you contact police and if you wish to remain estranged from your family or friends, you can do so. Police will notify them that you are safe and well and no details are provided."

How to report a missing person

Provide police with as much detail as possible including:

The day, time and location the person was last seen, description of the person's appearance when they went missing (including clothing, hair colour, height, weight), a recent photo of the person, information about what occurred prior to the person going missing, last known contact with the person, names and contacts of friends and family the missing person frequently associates with, any medications or medical conditions the person may have, places the person may visit, mobile phone numbers of the person, any bank details and vehicles owned or known to be driven by the person.

Yarralumla Crime Statistics June & July 2018

Date	Street	Offence Type
01/07/2018	COMMONWEALTH	Assault other
14/07/2018	TURNER	Other property damage
04/06/2018	EMPIRE	Assault other
20/06/2018	BENTHAM	Burglary dwellings
01/06/2018	FLYNN	Other theft

ACT Crime Stoppers is a telephone hotline that allows you, as a general member of your community, to provide anonymous information about criminal activity.

If you are witnessing a crime in progress or wish to make a report of a crime please contact police on 131444.

If you are in a life threatening situation or emergency dial **000**.



Yarralumla Neighbourhood Watch

Meetings		Contacts	
This Meeting	Tuesday 21 st August 2018	Area Coordinator	Ian BROWN 6282 5205 brownid5@bigpond.net.au
Next Meeting	Tuesday 18 th September 2018	Secretary	Anna HACKETT amhackett@ozemail.com.au
Venue	Yarralumla Primary School	Treasurer & Newsletter Distribution	Rosemary HARRISON 6281 7884 rosemaryh@optusnet.com.au
Start Time	7:30 pm	Editor	Rebecca GEORGES absolutelybecky@hotmail.com

The NHW generally meets on the **third Tuesday** of the month unless this conflicts with school holidays when the school facilities are not available to the committee as for April. The NHW committee does not meet formally in December and January during the long school break.