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YARRALUMLA 70 & 71 NEWSLETTER

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Neighbourhood Watch[®]

From the Area Coordinator

We were sad to learn of the passing of our esteemed friend and colleague Steve Dospot. We extend our condolences to his family and friends among whom we include Neighbourhood Watch.

The crime statistics for November were similar to those of October – four cases of Other Theft. There was some relief for our neighbours in Curtin who saw the number reduced by over 50 per cent but they included 2 Assaults and six cases of Burglary. In addition there were two instances each of Other Theft and Other Property Damage. Deakin was less fortunate as they recorded 13 crimes, one more than in October. They included one case each of Assault and Burglary and 8 cases of Other Theft and three of Other Property Damage.

As we approach the summer holiday season, I should like to share with you some tips for safety and security which, hopefully if followed, will lead to a happy and trouble free summer months. The Royal Automobile Club of Victoria Dec-Jan Magazine had the following advice (with a slight variation introduced by me):

Social Smarts: Even the most security-conscious can leave a door open to burglars by making their absence obvious on social media through posts, photos and check-ins. Five minutes is all it takes to update the privacy stings on your social media accounts to ensure that your holiday details are visible only to friends. If you need to tell someone your home address, do it privately.

Car Care: If you are hitting the road and your car is due for a service, have it done now. Before you leave, check the oil, water, tyres, automatic transmission fluid and lights. If your tyres are in need of replacement, don't wait; have them replaced before you leave.

On the road: Before you set out, make sure your Emergency Roadside Assistance is up to date so NRMA can help with lockouts, empty tanks, tyre troubles, flat batteries or any other roadside situations you may find yourself facing. Maps and guidebooks are a godsend when you are out of phone range or want a wider perspective. Make sure you have a first aid kit. As always, drive to the conditions, take delays in your stride and tune your radio to local networks for weather warnings and safety alerts.

With the passing of Steve, we are in need of a deliverer of the newsletter for his zone which is that within Hutchins, Weston and Novar Streets. Note I did not mention Bentham opposite the shops as that is in another zone. If you are interested in distributing the 20 or so newsletters to this block, please contact a committee member.

Your committee has decided to acknowledge our long association with the Yarralumla Primary School by contributing to their project to install Pavers. We are grateful to the School which has hosted our meetings since 1984. We are grateful also to our sponsors who make it possible for us to produce our 11 newsletters each year and to our members who deliver the newsletters to every residence in Yarralumla. In addition, I should like to thank our Committee members who give so freely of their time to ensure Yarralumla NHW represents our community and encourages all to look after the welfare of our fellow residents. Enjoy the holiday season and, above all, stay safe.

Home Security: Of course you will lock your doors and windows before you leave but, for greater peace and of mind, make your place look like it is occupied by asking a friend or neighbour to clear the letterbox and put your bins out and back in.



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Things to remember:

- Secure your car and don't leave bags or valuables on car seats.
- Mobile phones, wallets and bags are prime target for beach thieves. DO NOT leave them unattended.
- Leave someone to look after your property by alternating your swim with a friend or family member.
- Do not leave your property with a stranger.
- Lockers are available at some beaches.
- Always remember to swim between the red and yellow flags.



For further beach safety information visit Surf Life Saving Australia at www.sls.com.au

Yarralumla Crime Statistics – November 2017

Date	Street	Offence Type
04/11/2017	KAYE	Other theft
04/11/2017	ALEXANDRINA	Other theft
07/11/2017	MUELLER	Other theft
28/11/2017	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.

Crime Stoppers DO NOT take information regarding the following:

- In an Emergency - Call 000
- If urgent police attendance is required – call 131 444
- If you are a victim of Crime - Attend your local Police Station or call 131 444
- To report Traffic related matters - Call 131 444
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If you are in a life threatening situation or emergency dial [000](tel:000).

Yarralumla Neighbourhood Watch

Meetings		Contacts	
This Meeting	Committee does not meet formally in December and January	Area Coordinator	Ian BROWN 6282 5205 brownid5@bigpond.net.au
Next Meeting	Tuesday 20th February 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.