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YARRALUMLA 70 & 71 NEWSLETTER

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From the Area Coordinator

Neighbourhood Watch®

It was a welcome change to receive news of a smaller number of crimes reported in October. We had four cases of Other Theft only whereas Curtin went the other way and reported 26 crimes, including 1 case of Arson, 2 of Assault Other, 2 thefts of Motor Vehicles, one Bicycle Theft, 3 thefts of Vehicle Number Plates and the remainder Other Theft and Other Property Damage. Deakin was similar to recent months with ten crimes including one Burglary, one theft of a Motor Vehicle, one of a Bicycle and three cases of theft of Vehicle Number Plates. The rest were Other Theft and Other Property Damage. Obviously, we may look on our figures with relief but, experience shows that what occurs in one month is no portent for the next month so we must remain vigilant and be alert to any suspicious behaviour which, in turn should be reported to the Police or Crime Stoppers.

As advised in last month's newsletters, we held our Annual General Meeting and, as there were no new nominees, your committee were re-elected. I am delighted that Anna, Rosemary and Rebecca have agreed to continue to serve on the committee. Without them, Yarralumla Neighbourhood Watch would not be able to function. From the feedback I receive, many of you would regret this and I encourage you to continue to contact a committee member when you have something to report or simply wish to stay in touch with us. A number of local NHW Chapters have been set up or revived in recent months, which is most encouraging. They include Coombs, which is first NHW area in the Molonglo Valley.

ACTEW AGL can provide locks for Electricity Meters so, if anybody would like to protect their meters, contact ACTEW AGL who can advise the next step.

The November meeting will be our last for the year but we shall issue a December newsletter, as has been the practice in recent years, in which we shall provide some tips for home safety/security over the summer holidays.

From the ACT NHW President's November update we learned that this month ACT Policing and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate joint road safety campaign will focus on awareness of vulnerable road users – children, pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists who do not have the same protection as a car during a collision. Also, the November target is the "Fatal Five" – the five highest contributing factors to fatal vehicle collisions on ACT Roads.

These are:

- Alcohol or Drug impaired driving;
- Not wearing a seatbelt;
- Speeding;
- Intersections; and
- Driver Distraction

Five people have died on ACT roads this year.

You might have noticed also that vehicles fitted with speed cameras have been parked in the suburb in recent months from as early as 7am. Given my personal observation, it would seem that some of our fellow motorists who use Yarralumla as a throughway are not aware that the speed limit is 50kph unless marked otherwise. Equally, please take care in the School Zones where the limit is 40kph on school days until 4pm.

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Vehicle break-ins are often opportunistic crimes. Even when your car is locked, it's not impenetrable; take the time to secure it. Follow these tips to decrease the chances of theft or damage to your car.

- Ensure the doors and boot are locked and secure.
- Close all windows and the sunroof.
- When parking your car at night, use an area that is well lit.
- Do not leave valuables in your car like your wallet, phone or tablet, even if it's locked.
- Spare keys or garage remotes should never be hidden in or on the car.
- If you have a garage, use it rather than leave your car in the driveway or on the street.
- Remove cheque books, credit cards, driver's licence and registration papers from the glove box.
- Record serial numbers of valuables and details of your car such as make, model and engine number.
- Avoid placing your name, address and registration number on keys.
- Take your car keys with you, and when at home leave them in a secure place.
- If you go away without your car, don't leave the keys in plain sight in your house.

How to report

If you see someone loitering around parked cars, peering into car windows or acting in a suspicious manner, call police on **131 444**. If your car is stolen report it to police immediately on **131 444**. Provide police with:

- registration number
- make
- model
- colour
- distinguishing features
- time and place of the offence.

If you have information that can assist police in recovering a stolen motor vehicle, call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** via <https://act.crimestoppers.com.au/crime-stoppers-information-report#main-content>

Yarralumla Crime Statistics – October 2017

Date	Street	Offence Type
07/10/2017	KAYE	Other theft
07/10/2017	SOLANDER	Other theft
16/10/2017	ABBOTT	Other theft
20/10/2017	ALEXANDRINA	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](tel:000).

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
- To report suspected Centrelink Fraud - Call 131 524
- To report an online SCAM or fraud - <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>
- To report Cybercrime: Visit ACORN (The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network) <http://www.acorn.gov.au/>. This includes any information about online scams and fraud, identity theft, attacks on computer systems and illegal or prohibited online content.

Yarralumla Neighbourhood Watch

Meetings		Contacts	
This Meeting	Tuesday 21st October 2017	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.