



FISHER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Area Coordinator

If you haven't already, now is the time to prepare your bushfire survival plan. There are 4 simple steps – DISCUSS (what to do), PREPARE (your fire plan and home), KNOW (the bushfire alert levels) and KEEP (all fire information, apps and phone number handy). More information can be located at www.esa.act.gov.au/actrfs/.

Monthly Crime Statistics

The following details of various criminal offences reported in Fisher during 2018 are listed for the information of residents.

September 2018

Street	Offence type
NYMAGEE	Assault causing ABH
KALGOORLIE	Assault other
CHILLAGOE	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
BINGARA	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
MARANBOY	Other theft
ELEANORA	Other theft

October 2018

Street	Offence type
KAMBALDA	Assault other
ARALUEN	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
NYMAGEE	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
NULLAGINE	Other theft

November 2018

Street	Offence type
BADIMARA	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates

December 2018

Street	Offence type
KAMBALDA	Assault other
KAMBALDA	Burglary dwellings
KAMBALDA	Motor vehicle theft
ARALUEN	Motor vehicle theft
HAMERSLEY	Motor vehicle theft
ARALUEN	Motor vehicle theft
BALLARAT	Motor vehicle theft
CLERMONT	Other theft

Snake Information

In the ACT snakes are most active from October to March when they sun themselves or when they move in search of food or water. Sometimes snakes will enter suburban gardens in search of water particularly during long, dry periods.

If you see a snake, move pets and children away until the snake moves off. To reduce the chance of snakes staying on or returning, and in preparation for times when snakes are most active (spring and summer):

- keep lawns and gardens well maintained;
- remove piles of wood or other debris from the yard or store it off the ground;
- ensure pet food and water bowls are not accessible to wildlife;
- enclose compost heaps to reduce mouse populations (a food source for snakes); and
- tidy up aviaries as these attract mice and, in turn, snakes.

Snakes are protected by law in all States and Territories of Australia and may not be killed unless they threaten life. They cannot be taken from the wild, kept without a licence or traded without a licence.

Support NHW – Become a Member

Show your support for Neighbourhood Watch by becoming a member. Membership is free and you can become a member by completing the form at the membership tab www.nhwact.com.au.

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



Dog Exercise Areas – Did you know?

The open reserve area behind Fisher and adjacent to the parkway is a designated Off-leash dog exercise area.



The Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas Map can be viewed online www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/dogs/recreation-with-my-dog#offLeashMap please keep in mind that these open space areas are used for other recreational purposes too, so it is important dogs remain under the control of their carers while exercising off leash.

New 40km per hour road transport offence

Slow to 40km/h when approaching and passing stationary or slow moving emergency vehicles.

The new offence requires drivers to reduce their speed to 40km/h when passing or overtaking a stationary or slow moving emergency vehicle that is displaying a blue or red flashing light.

In those circumstances the driver must:

- Approach the emergency vehicle at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before reaching the vehicle
- Give way to emergency workers on foot near the emergency vehicle
- Pass the emergency vehicle at no more than 40km/h, or if a lesser speed limit applies, no more than the speed limit
- Continue to drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely, until the driver is a sufficient distance past the emergency vehicle to not pose a risk to any emergency worker on foot.

This new law protects emergency services personnel while they are out on the road every day protecting the community, and applies to vehicles from:

- Australian Federal Police, ACT Policing
- ACT Ambulance Service
- ACT Fire & Rescue
- Rural Fire Service
- ACT State Emergency Service
- Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting

This new law applies on all roads across Canberra. It does not relate to tow trucks, breakdown vehicles or other vehicles displaying amber flashing lights.

If the emergency vehicle is on the other side of a divided road, separated by a median strip, you do not need to slow down.

The 40km/h has been adopted to ensure consistency with the speed applying around other vulnerable road users such as school children and road workers.

The infringement notice penalty for this offence is \$257 and two demerit points.

Police seek motivated individuals for recruitment

ACT Policing is looking for people who have the skills and qualities to be community policing officers as part of the AFP's 'Unique Opportunities Remarkable Careers' recruitment campaign which launched today (Thursday, 24 January 2019).

Recruitment is open to anyone over 18 who meets the minimum eligibility requirements. Chief Police Officer for the ACT Ray Johnson said that ACT Policing wants a workforce that reflects the diversity in our community.

"It takes motivated individuals to be community police officers. You will see the best and worst of society but each day you will get an opportunity to contribute positively to people's lives and the greater good of our community"

"The AFP is also unique in that it's the only law enforcement agency in Australia that provides the ability to work locally through ACT Policing, as well as the opportunity to work in national investigations and international law enforcement" Ray Johnson said.

For this intake recruit positions are available for Police Officers in ACT Policing and for Protective Service Officers. Candidate information packs for both roles are available from the AFP Careers page (www.afp.gov.au/careers/vacancies).

The recruitment campaign ends on Thursday, 21 February 2019.