

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Harrison Spring Edition 2019

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Secure September 2019.

Launched in 2018, "Secure September" is being promoted again this year by ACT Neighbourhood Watch and ACT Policing. Everyone should accept responsibility for crime prevention - not just law enforcement agencies. Now that it is September, think about adopting simple safety measures, such as the below:

Home Keep doors and windows locked at all times

- Put a lock on side/back gates and letterbox
- Use sensor lights that detect movement
- A peephole in your front door and a light to safely identify visitors
- Know your neighbours

Property

- Inventory all items of value, inside and outside of the house
- Mark items with your licence number plate and/or by taking photos
- Obtain an invisible marking pen from your local Area Coordinator or president@nhwact.com.au to share with your family, friends or neighbours.

Vehicle

- Always lock your car, even when in the garage
- Hide valuable items
- Use safe plate screws for vehicle number plates

Personal

- Be aware of who is around you
- Stay secure outdoors by walking in crowded, well-lit areas
- Carry a personal alarm at night and practise using it **Children**
- Encourage them to walk in groups and never alone
- Know where they are at all times
- When possible transport them
- Use parent controls on electronic devices
- Talk with them about what's going on in their lives
- Teach them not to share personal information or images on-line with people they don't know

Driver Distraction

Some attention has been focussed recently on driver distraction, an issue that could have serious ramifications on suburban safety, for not only other drivers, but also on pedestrians and other road users.

The most common offence according to ACT Police is using a handheld mobile phone. Other issues are personal hygiene tasks (make-up, hair), and adjusting the car's settings (e.g.GPS/music/ radio, heating/cooling controls). Try to avoid such distractions, particularly while the car is moving.

WORD SEARCH

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WORDS: Care, Children, Culture, Diversity, Family, Listen, Look, Neighbour, Note, Respect, Together

From the Harrison Area Coordinator:

The Annual general Meeting of ACT Neighbourhood Watch will be held on 23 September, and this year will be in Gungahlin, at the Gungahlin Lakes Club, Nicholls beginning at 7PM. Any NHW members in Harrison are invited to attend and hear about what the ACT organisation is doing for your safety and security.

Next month will see the anniversary of Peter Firman Harrison's birthday- the man whom our suburb was named after (1918-1990). Perhaps you could mark it on your calendar, and raise a glass to him on 21 October.

The IMB Bank Community Foundation, established in 1999, has donated over \$10 million to support local community projects over the last 20 years. This year the bank gave grants to 14 community groups in the ACT area, including a grant to Neighbourhood Watch

Australasia for Building Social Cohesion. The grant will be used to produce five diagrammatic brochures in five languages (Arabic, Mandarin, Dinka, Dari and Burmese) for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) members of the community. These brochures promote personal, public and property safety and integration into the community and are a positive step to assist with social inclusion and assimilation into Australian culture.

Remember too, that information on Neighbourhood Watch activities may be found on the NHW website, http://www.nhwact.com.au, or from the

Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page. -Sep

Harrison Crime Statistics	June	July	Aug
Motor Vehicle theft	-	2	-
Bicycle theft	-	1	-
Number plate theft	ı	2	-
Other theft	2	2	2
Shop stealing	-	-	1
Burglary- dwellings	-	-	-
Assaults	1	2	1
Other property damage	1	1	3
Arson	-	-	-

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More Street Names in Harrison:

This issue we will focus on streets which border Harrison:

Anthony Rolfe Avenue. One of the few names in Harrison not named after a natural feature. He was a Gungahlin district pioneer; he arrived in Australia on the ship "Harbinger" in 1849 with his wife Catherine (nee Curtis) and family; purchased land in the Ginninderra district and established his property "Tea Gardens" in 1859; his son, Edmund, purchased land adjoining his father's and established "Gold Creek" homestead.

Flemington Road. Begins at the entrance to Canberra Racecourse, and a major arterial flanking Harrison on its way to Gungahlin Town Centre. Named after Flemington racecourse in Melbourne where the famous race, the `Melbourne Cup' is run.

Well Station Drive. Named after Well Station, in the South of Harrison. Well Station in the Gungahlin district of the ACT is one of the very early rural properties to the north of the city. It was known as the Well Station, because it had only one well on it. In the early days, a spring had been opened up, stoned all round and at one stage fitted with pumps. It provided good permanent water and was the pioneers' main source of water until dams and water tanks were introduced later. An early homestead stood there, sometime in the 1870s or 1880s. The property, along with others in the same district, was resumed, in March 1915, by the Commonwealth. It is still a working property, with some original parts of buildings visible.

