



Neighbourhood Watch

HUGHES

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Neighbourhood Christmas parties

Have you ever thought about getting together with your neighbours and holding a Christmas party in your street? It's a great way to celebrate the festive season and get to know your neighbours better.

Here a few tips from our friends at the Conflict Resolution Service (<http://www.crs.org.au/>):

- The venue doesn't have to be someone's house; it can be held in a cul-de-sac, a playground or a park.
- Be inclusive with your invitations. Drop an invitation in every letterbox in the street. If you live on a long street perhaps invite everyone in the block, or your side of the street; whatever is a logical grouping.
- If you decide to have a gathering at your house, set some boundaries. Perhaps have guests in the backyard until you are comfortable offering your home.
- If there are likely to be children as guests, Check electrical leads, pools, water features etc.

Security tips from ACT Policing

- Lock away fragile or valuable items;
- Ensure there is a phone in case of an emergency and a first aid kit on hand;
- Clearly state if your party is alcohol free, BYO or if alcohol will be supplied;
- Notify the police of your event;
- Be mindful of your obligations as a host, stay in control and stay sober so you are able to deal with problems or emergencies;
- Avoid using social media to promote your party; and

'Gatecrasher proof' your party, have a responsible person at the door who can discourage unwanted guests.



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The sad outcome of an off-the-lead dog attack

By Lill Schlater, Farrer resident of 23 years

I was an avid dog lover, that was until I adopted an RSPCA rescue cat named “Missy”. Missy didn’t have an easy start to life having experienced several traumatic re-homing issues. For ten years, Missy and I were inseparable. Our days began side by side on the yoga mat.

On 11 November 2018, Missy was a metre from our carport when an off-the-lead Samoyed on the Longerenong Street pathway in Farrer attacked her. Her 3.5kg frame didn’t stand a chance.



“Missy” (15/10/06 – 11/11/18)

Her injuries were so severe that pelvic fractures caused her immediate paralysis. Four hours later, we looked on with unspeakable grief as the vet put our beloved Missy to sleep.

Dogs must be kept on a leash on all paths and cycleways for the safety of walkers and cyclists, as stated by law. <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets/dogs/recreation-with-my-dog#prohibited>

Dogs can’t fight their instincts, so please as a dog owner keep your dog on a lead or take them to an off-lead dog park.

From ACT Policing (an extract of ACT Policing’s October report)

Neighbourhood Watch Week

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Week was on again from 6 to 12 October. The week aimed to reinvigorate NHW by raising public awareness of local NHW programs and the benefit of belonging to a local NHW group.

ACT Policing supported the week, helping NHW members at Erindale and Kippax Shopping Centres on Saturday 6 October. The stalls provided members of the community the opportunity to learn more about NHW and crime prevention in their area and sign up for a NHW membership.

Police target intersections

During October, ACT Policing targeted road safety at intersections. With approximately half of all reported collisions in Canberra occurring at intersections, police urged road users to take extra care around intersections.

At the time of the announcement (4 October), ACT Policing had issued 959 fines and 688 cautions to people breaking road rules around intersections. The three most common intersection-related offences were not stopping at a stop sign, disobeying a no right turn and not stopping at a red light.

Arrest made after fire and burglary in Phillip

A good result for police on Friday 12 October, when they announced they arrested an individual in relation to a suspicious fire and burglary that

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had occurred earlier that week at Phillip Enclosed Oval.

As a result of the fire, the Little Athletics Canberra shed sustained significant internal damage and the equipment contained was destroyed. Police also identified several damaged windows and a damaged office space that had been ransacked and items stolen.

A young person was arrested and faced court in relation to a burglary connected with the fire.

Neighbourhood Watch recognises ACT Policing members

At the Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting, three members from ACT Policing were recognised for their contribution to Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) ACT.

Superintendent North District Jason Kennedy, who has been a member of the NHW ACT Board for two years, was acknowledged for his measured advice, commitment to community safety, and facilitation of information and access between ACT Policing and NHW.

Station Sergeant Jeff Knight was also recognised for his support to the NHW ACT Board for the past two years, and as Director of Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. He was commended for always ensuring there was a police presence at their events and for his contribution to Board deliberations.

Station Sergeant Chris Meagher was thanked for his regular attendance at NHW activities and events, always taking the time to speak to the local community members. Station Sergeant Meagher also eagerly supported the establishment of NHW in Florey.

Congratulations to all.

Would you like to be our next newsletter editor?

We are sorry to say goodbye to Suzanne Bysouth who for several years has not only been the editor of the Woden NHW Newsletters and acting Torrens Area Coordinator but has also been responsible for posting on the ACT NHW Facebook.

Suzanne has now relocated overseas with her family and is stepping down from these positions. We very much appreciate all that she has done for ACT NHW over the last few years and wish her well. Thank you, Suzanne, for your wonderful contribution to Neighbourhood Watch.

We are now looking for someone to fill the position of Woden newsletter editor so if you, or anyone you know, is interested in being involved with NHW in this way, please let me know – 0414 628 686 or president@nhwact.com.au.



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Crime Stoppers launch Dob in a Dealer campaign

ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers launched the 2018 Dob in a Dealer campaign on Tuesday 16 October.

The campaign is a nation-wide program funded by the Federal Government to stop Australia’s supply chain of illicit drugs, including methylamphetamine (ice), cocaine, MDMA, heroin and cannabis.

Dob in a Dealer aims to increase information reports from the Australian public to Crime Stoppers and the police regarding people suspected of supplying or dealing in drugs.

Reports can be made online or via the Crime Stoppers hotline. Types of information that will assist with the report include:

- details of the suspicious activity
- details of person involved including age, name and address
- description of the suspect including their appearance
- description of vehicles
- uploading any photos or additional material

During the last Dob in a Dealer campaign in 2016, Crime Stoppers received an average increase of 95 per cent in drug-related information reports from members of the public.

Christmas safety

The festive season brings a number of extra fire risks to the community and your family. Here are some precautions you should take to keep your family and friends safe during the

Christmas period.

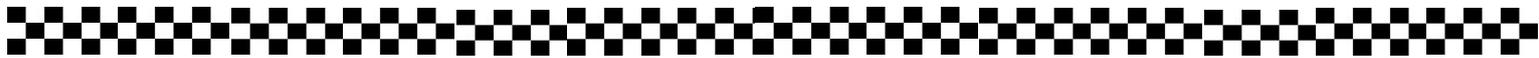
- Check Christmas lights carefully for frayed wires, bare spots in insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up;
- Do not overload electrical circuits or power boards;
- Do not leave Christmas lights on when you go out or when you go to bed;
- Do not let bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper or other decorations;
- Use only non-flammable or flame retardant artificial trees and decorations;
- Do not place candles near trees, decorations, presents or other flammable objects;
- Please make sure all guests know your home safety plan when they are staying in your home, including exits, where keys for deadlocks are kept and the location of fire extinguishers; and
- Dispose of live trees quickly after the Christmas period before they dry out and become a fire hazard. (Courtesy ACT Emergency Services Agency)

Crime Statistics – September 2018

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| DOWNES | Burglary dwellings | 02/09/2018 |
| WYLLY | Other theft | 14/09/2018 |

No crimes were reported to ACT Policing in Hughes in October 2018.

Neighbourhood Watch ACT wishes all Hughes residents a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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