



Neighbourhood Watch



MELBA / SPENCE

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Area Coordinator for Melba/Spence Neighbourhood Watch?

Under John Warouw's guidance Melba/Spence Neighbourhood Watch has been revitalised but now that John is stepping down from that position a new Area Coordinator is required. Many thanks to John for all he has done, and for his great contribution to Neighbourhood Watch both at a local and ACT level.

There is already a committee of experienced committed members willing to assist anyone who volunteers for the position and the role of Area Coordinator requires a minimal time commitment or as much time as you feel you can give. Neighbourhood Watch is a great way of getting to know your neighbours and contributes to keeping the community a safe and vibrant place to live.

So, if you are interested in maintaining Neighbourhood Watch in the suburbs of Melba and Spence and would like additional information as to what is required of the Area Coordinator position, please contact John on 0418183383, Bruce on 62581360, George on 62582843, Kirsten on kirsten_lewis@optusnet.com.au.

Margaret Pearson - President ACT NHW

Love thy neighbour? Just 4 per cent of Canberrans socialise in their street

When was the last time you caught up with your neighbours? Or borrowed a cup of sugar? Could you even recognise them out in public? New research suggests most Canberrans wouldn't, with just four per cent of ACT residents currently socialising with their neighbours.

A new study reveals the state of Canberrans' relationships with their neighbours. Chapman resident Andrew Creer is one local who hopes to know his neighbours better. The study - undertaken by Mastercard and the Happiness Institute - found that 55 per cent of Canberrans didn't know their neighbour's name, and 25 per cent didn't know what they looked like. Chapman resident Andrew Creer is guilty of both. "I wouldn't have a clue who they were if I saw them in public," Mr Creer said.

"We've been close friends with one of our neighbours for 12 years. They're our good family friends now. As for all of our other neighbours, we don't know them at all." The 25-year-old met those long-time friends during the Canberra bushfires in 2003. During this period, the

families banded together, forming a "mutual bond" early on. "Still, I do hope to get to know my other neighbours more," he said.

He's not alone. In the study, more than half of the ACT residents participating said they hoped to get to know their neighbours more. Ninety-three per cent of those ACT residents said they would also feel more socially connected if their relationships with their neighbours were stronger. "The hardest thing I think when meeting your neighbours is crossing the boundary and breaking the ice," Mr Creer said.

The link between social connection at a suburban level and good mental and physical health has long been studied by academics. "Aussies feel significantly happier when they're socially connected. When it comes to our neighbours there's a huge gap in how close we are, to how well we know each other," The Happiness Institute's chief happiness officer Dr Tim Sharp said.

In this modern city, there are a slew of competing priorities and then there's the internet. Traditional suburban communities have diminished because of the social opportunities which exist off the streets and online.

Digital platforms mean we no longer need to slug through small talk with our neighbours - we can talk to whoever we like, whenever we like, regardless of location. Perhaps this is why 57 per cent of Canberrans also admit to avoiding their neighbours.

[Article from Canberra Times by Serena Coady](#)

"DOB IN A DEALER" CAMPAIGN This 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. It aims to increase reports of 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 and description of and vehicles.

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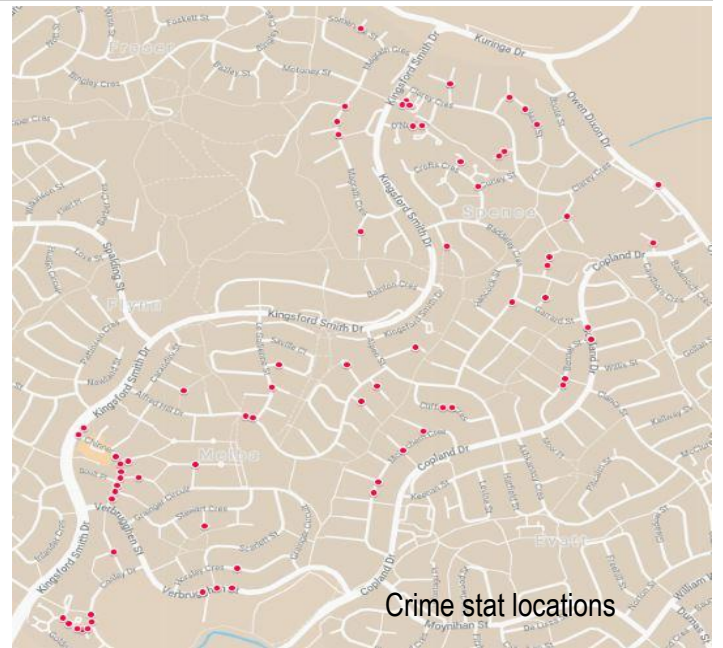
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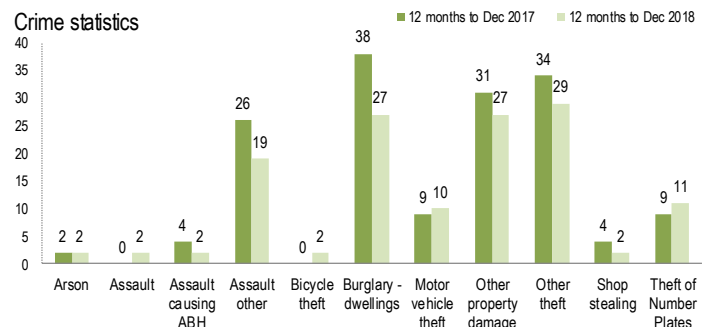
Criminal Activity Reported by Police: July to December 2018

Offence type	Suburb	Street Name	Start Date	Offence type	Suburb	Street Name	Start Date
Assault other	SPENCE	DON	Thu, 5 Jul 18	Other theft	MELBA	BRAHE	Thu, 7 Jun 18
	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Fri, 31 Aug 18		MELBA	CHINNER	Thu, 5 Jul 18
	MELBA	HOSKING	Wed, 5 Sep 18		MELBA	CHINNER	Mon, 9 Jul 18
	MELBA	SAVILLE	Sun, 7 Oct 18		SPENCE	CLARK	Sun, 5 Aug 18
	MELBA	LEVEY	Sun, 21 Oct 18		SPENCE	BENNET	Mon, 20 Aug 18
	MELBA	ALFRED HILL	Mon, 22 Oct 18		SPENCE	COPLAND	Tue, 4 Sep 18
	MELBA	MELBA	Thu, 25 Oct 18		MELBA	MIRANDA	Mon, 8 Oct 18
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Fri, 2 Nov 18		SPENCE	STANDBRIDGE	Wed, 10 Oct 18
	SPENCE	BENNET	Wed, 7 Nov 18		SPENCE	HEALY	Thu, 11 Oct 18
	MELBA	CLIFFORD	Wed, 5 Dec 18		SPENCE	CURLEY	Thu, 18 Oct 18
	MELBA	AMADIO	Thu, 6 Dec 18		SPENCE	HAMMETT	Fri, 2 Nov 18
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Sat, 22 Dec 18		SPENCE	O'NEILL	Sun, 4 Nov 18
Burglary - dwellings	SPENCE	BOYLAND	Thu, 28 Jun 18	MELBA	WALLACE	Wed, 7 Nov 18	
	SPENCE	HINCHCLIFFE	Fri, 13 Jul 18	MELBA	GOLDNER	Sat, 10 Nov 18	
	MELBA	HORSLEY	Thu, 19 Jul 18	SPENCE	O'NEILL	Sun, 11 Nov 18	
	SPENCE	HEALY	Thu, 16 Aug 18	SPENCE	MAGRATH	Fri, 23 Nov 18	
	SPENCE	BOYLAND	Fri, 17 Aug 18	SPENCE	OWEN DIXON	Tue, 27 Nov 18	
	SPENCE	CLARK	Wed, 29 Aug 18	MELBA	CHINNER	Thu, 6 Dec 18	
	MELBA	PALING	Sat, 1 Sep 18	MELBA	CHINNER	Wed, 26 Dec 18	
	SPENCE	HEALY	Sun, 2 Sep 18	SPENCE	MAGRATH	Sun, 30 Dec 18	
	MELBA	LE GALLIENNE	Sun, 18 Nov 18	Shop stealing	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Mon, 3 Sep 18
	MELBA	MCEACHERN	Sat, 22 Dec 18	MELBA	FLOWER	Sat, 28 Jul 18	
Motor vehicle theft	MELBA	GOLDNER	Tue, 3 Jul 18	MELBA	MCEACHERN	Thu, 16 Aug 18	
	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Mon, 6 Aug 18	MELBA	GOLDNER	Sat, 6 Oct 18	
	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Mon, 24 Sep 18	MELBA	KRUSE	Fri, 26 Oct 18	
	MELBA	CHINNER	Mon, 15 Oct 18				
	MELBA	ALFRED HILL	Fri, 28 Dec 18				
	SPENCE	MAGRATH	Sun, 30 Dec 18				
Other property damage	MELBA	BUCKMAN	Sun, 1 Jul 18				
	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Sat, 11 Aug 18				
	SPENCE	SCATTERGOOD	Fri, 17 Aug 18				
	MELBA	CLIFFORD	Mon, 20 Aug 18				
	MELBA	CHINNER	Sun, 9 Sep 18				
	SPENCE	SOMERVILLE	Sun, 7 Oct 18				
	MELBA	CHINNER	Sun, 14 Oct 18				
	SPENCE	GARRARD	Sat, 20 Oct 18				
	MELBA	CONLEY	Tue, 23 Oct 18				
	MELBA	CONLEY	Wed, 24 Oct 18				
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Sat, 27 Oct 18				
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Sun, 4 Nov 18				
	SPENCE	BADDELEY	Sat, 17 Nov 18				
	SPENCE	DUNKLEY	Wed, 21 Nov 18				
	SPENCE	TOOMEY	Mon, 26 Nov 18				
	SPENCE	DUNKLEY	Sat, 1 Dec 18				
	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Mon, 3 Dec 18				
	SPENCE	COPLAND	Mon, 3 Dec 18				
	SPENCE	MAGRATH	Thu, 13 Dec 18				
	MELBA	COUTTS	Thu, 27 Dec 18				



*Other theft means: the unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods or services, without the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner or possessor of the use of the money or goods. Other Theft also includes the theft or illegal use of bicycles, boats or aircraft, stealing from a person, fare evasion, shoplifting and theft of motor vehicle parts or contents. | *Theft - this mainly includes shoplifting and theft from motor vehicles | Stolen Motor Vehicles Arson - any fire that is deemed to be suspicious | Burglary Dwellings - this includes houses and garages/sheds, and property stolen from back yards/ front yards etc. | Assault - this covers physical assault usually in the form of a violent attack

Important numbers: Police attendance: 131 444 | SES: 13 22 81| Domestic Animal Services: 6207 2424 | RSPCA: 6287 8100| Emergencies: 000| Domestic Violence Crisis Service: 6280 0900 | Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 | Lifeline: 131 114 | National Security concerns 1800 123 400.



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