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MONCRIEFF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Moncrieff residents are encouraged to join the Moncrieff Neighbour Watch to be informed of information disseminated to the NHW members such as events, news and receive exclusive statistics of reported crimes in Moncrieff and surrounding suburbs on a regular basis.

Membership is open to all residents over the age of 18 and there is no fee involved. The membership form can be downloaded from www.nhwact.com.au and submitted to

membershipsecretary@nhwact.com.au

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the NHW Group. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Moncrieff@nhwact.com.au. In the near future, NHW Signages will be installed at the entrance to Moncrieff.

SCAMS ALERT

Scamwatch is warning members of the public about a spate of text messages asking for emergency assistance. These messages are coming from phone numbers not in your mobile contacts. For example, the text message might read "please call me back right away. It is an Emergency I need your help". People who have called the number back report being verbally abused by a recording on the other end. This is a new and emerging issue. While people have not yet reported losing money as a result of these calls, you may find the content of the recording distressing. Scamwatch therefore advises that you exercise caution or do not respond to these text messages.

NEIGHBOUR DAY 31 March

This year's Neighbour Day theme is: Loneliness: what neighbours can do to create connections. We are putting the call out to everyone across the country to reach out to the vulnerable and lonely members of their community to create a connection — whether it's a few friendly words across the back fence, inviting your elderly neighbour in for a cuppa, organising a community get-together, or stopping for a chat when you're walking the dog.

STATISTICS

Reported incidents statistics in Moncrieff are available for viewing at Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

GOING AWAY DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Canberrans staying home for the holidays are being urged to watch out for their neighbours' homes, while those going away are encouraged to take sensible home safety measures such as keeping all doors and windows locked and not "advertising" the fact that they are away.

- Lock up, light up always ensure you leave a light on if you are away on holidays
- Track your packages Expecting a Christmas present? Make sure you track them or get your neighbour to collect it on your behalf instead of leaving it in front of the door if you are away
- Avoid public display of Christmas presents under the tree. This attracts thieves.

CRIME PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

It takes many different people, working together as a team, to successfully build a Neighbourhood Watch program and promote its objectives. Some tips:

- Communicate with your neighbours regularly
- Evaluate the safety and security of your home
- Take steps to improve areas of your home security where required
- Keep informed on local and contemporary crime prevention information and share this information with your neighbours

USEFUL NUMBERS



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