



## WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – December 2018

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### About NHW

NHW is a community crime prevention program aimed at promoting a sense of safety, security and wellbeing. It seeks to reduce crime, particularly property crime and offences against the person and it aims to promote a secure environment resulting in safe and active neighbourhoods. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours' properties, particularly if no one is home, and to report any suspicious behaviour to police.

You can show your support for this worthwhile organisation by becoming a member, with no fee involved. **The application form can be accessed via the following website link: [www.nhwact.com.au](http://www.nhwact.com.au).**

Anyone willing to assist with delivery of newsletters in their nearby streets, **especially in the Wanniassa Hills area**, or with any other NHW activities, should contact the Area Coordinator, either by phone or (preferably) email. The relevant details are shown in the banner heading above.

### Report it

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at <https://act.crimestoppers.com.au>. If a crime is in progress or police attendance is required, it should be reported promptly to the police on 131 444.

It is important to report all suspicious activity no matter how trivial it may appear. A particular incident may be one part of other related incidents and this report may lead police to apprehend offenders.

Crimes can be reported online (preferably) at either the 'report a crime' tab at [www.police.act.gov.au](http://www.police.act.gov.au) or the 'report crime online' link at <https://act.crimestoppers.com.au> or direct to a police station. For record purposes, we encourage you to also indicate that you are a Neighbourhood Watch member when reporting incidents or providing information.

### What do I report?

It is important to notice and report any identifying features of suspicious people or vehicles. The more distinguishing features noticed the better to assist patrolling police with their enquiries.

These can include such things as gender, height, shape, hair, clothing, any particular traits or characteristics such as walking with a limp, stooped, etc.

Similarly for vehicles, any additional details including number plate, size of vehicle, SUV 4-wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, hatchback, colour, any damage or conspicuous features in the paintwork, significant wheels, etc.

Also, if you notice a child or animal trapped in a hot vehicle, please call 000 to ensure prompt attention from both ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance.

### ACT Policing Information

With summer now upon us, ACT Policing would like to remind Canberrans to enjoy the festive season responsibly.

Throughout December and January, the joint road safety campaign between ACT Policing and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate will focus on alcohol and drug impaired driving.

In 2017, ACT Policing charged 1029 people with drink driving and 472 with drug driving. Police data shows the territory has already exceeded these marks in 2018.

Officer in Charge of Traffic Operations, Acting Station Sergeant David Wills said he was disappointed to still see so many people arrested for impaired driving.

"The summer months bring a rise in parties, end of year celebrations and public holidays, but sadly we also see a rise in antisocial, illegal and potentially dangerous behaviour", Sergeant Wills said.

"Broadly, there are still far too many people being charged with drink and drug driving offences, which tells us people still aren't getting the message when it comes to driving a vehicle while under the influence.

"If you drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs, you significantly increase the risk of causing a collision, potentially seriously injuring or killing yourself or someone else. Police members don't want to be knocking on doors this Christmas having to tell people their loved one has died because they or someone else were driving under the influence.

"I would like to remind people to drink responsibly, and if you do drink, don't drive. Plan your night out, and know how you are getting home safely. We want people to enjoy their summer and their festive season, but if you break the law, you will face the consequences", Sergeant Wills said.

### 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/](https://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/), or via our updated website at [www.nhwact.com.au](http://www.nhwact.com.au).



## Monthly Crime Statistics

The following criminal offences have been reported in Wanniasa since the previous Newsletter.

Offence type	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Assault (ABH & Other)	6	5	9
Motor vehicle theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Gair Place	-	-	1
- Sternberg Crescent	-	-	1
Number plates theft			
- Longmore Crescent	1	-	-
- Athllon Drive	-	1	-
- Rylah Crescent	-	2	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Beaver Place	-	1	-
- Bussau Close	-	-	1
Burglary – dwellings			
- Cumming Place	-	1	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Rylah Crescent	-	1	-
- Leggatt Street	-	-	1
Bicycle theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Curtain Place	-	-	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	3	2	1
- Denigan Street	2	-	-
Arson			
- Langdon Avenue	-	1	-
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	1
- Rylah Crescent	1	2	-
- Denigan Street	3	2	1
- Degraives Crescent	-	1	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
- Gartside Street	-	-	1
- Riddell Court	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Amsinck Street	1	-	-
- Rylah Crescent	1	-	-
- Langdon Avenue	1	1	1
- Gartside Street	-	1	-
- Sangster Place	-	4	1
- Sargeant Place	-	-	1
- Bosisto Place	-	-	1
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
- Watkins Street	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>

## Bushfire Alert and Advice

It is timely to remind residents that the bushfire season is upon us again. The fire authorities are reminding us it may be a higher than normal bushfire risk season and to prepare our homes and properties **NOW**.

All householders should make themselves familiar with the essential emergency procedures that are recommended by the ACT Emergency Services Agency. Comprehensive information and related plans can be accessed at <http://esa.act.gov.au/emergency-management/emergency-arrangements/>.

Know your risk! Check if your house is located in a bushfire prone area and prepare your exit strategy by planning your exit routes in the event of an emergency. Download and complete a [Bushfire Survival Plan](#). This plan contains everything you need to know about bushfire safety and survival. Make sure everyone in your household is brushed up on the plan regularly!

A Bushfire Survival Plan helps you make important decisions before you are threatened by a bushfire. Your plan will help protect the lives of your family and assist you in preparing your home to survive the threat of bushfire.

## What's in a Name?

The theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

**Degraives Crescent:** *William Degraives* (1821-1883) businessman and Victorian politician; first President National Agricultural Society 1871; MLC South Province 1860-74.

## Conclusion

I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the manager and staff of Luton Real Estate in Tuggeranong for their generous support, as well as to those members that have assisted with delivery of the Newsletters during the year.

Finally, I want to wish all Wanniasa NHW members and other local residents a safe and joyous festive season and a happy and prosperous 2019.

## Useful Numbers:

<b>Emergencies (serious/life threatening)</b>	<b>000</b>
<b>Police Attendance (minor crimes)</b>	<b>131 444</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers (provide info)</b>	<b>1800 333 000</b>
<b>State Emergency Service</b>	<b>132 500</b>
<b>Conflict Resolution Service</b>	<b>6162 4050</b>
<b>Home Safety Program</b>	<b>6163 9084</b>
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<b>6257 1687</b>
<b>Access Canberra</b>	<b>132 281</b>
<b>Water/sewer emergency</b>	<b>131 193</b>



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