



## WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – March 2019

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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, 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

ACT Policing would like to remind road users of their responsibilities in shared zones – pedestrian-friendly areas where vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians share the roadway.

As part of the 2018-2019 Road Safety Calendar, ACT Policing will target vulnerable road users throughout March, with a focus on shared zones.

Officer in Charge of Traffic Operations, Acting Station Sergeant David Wills said it was important for road users to know the road rules when travelling in shared zones.

"The most important thing to remember when travelling in a shared zone is that motorists must give way to pedestrians," Acting Station Sergeant Wills said.

"Shared zones are signposted, and will often have a different look and feel to a normal road environment.

"While all road users should be mindful of one another, it is especially important for people operating a vehicle to be aware of vulnerable road users in these areas.

"I would also like to remind road users that slow speed limits of 10 to 20 km/h apply in shared zones across the ACT."

Some other features of shared zones in the ACT may include:

- no formal pedestrian crossings;
- raised entry points at each end of the shared zone to show a changed traffic environment;
- additional kerb ramps to improve access for people with mobility impairment, as well as pedestrians and cyclists;
- road pavement raised to footpath level at intersections.

### Facebook Presence

ACT Neighbourhood Watch has an active Facebook page where you will find some useful information regarding various local activities and events. There is also some helpful advice relating to community safety and instruction on crime prevention and reporting in the ACT.

You can find us at [www.facebook.com/NHWACT/](http://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/), or can connect via our 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.

**It is most encouraging to see the absence of any recorded burglaries during the past three months.**

Offence type	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Assault (ABH & Other)	5	3	1
Motor vehicle theft			
- Keys Crescent	1	-	-
- Gair Place	1	-	-
- Snowball Place	1	-	-
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Macbain Street	1	-	-
- Sangster Place	1	-	-
- Comrie Street	-	1	-
- Guthridge Street	-	1	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
- Langdon Avenue	-	1	-
- Morrissey Street	-	1	-
Number plates theft			
- Comrie Street	1	-	-
- Sangster Place	2	1	1
- Sternberg Crescent	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	1	1	-
- Adamson Crescent	1	-	-
- Athllon Drive	-	1	-
- Hanna Street	-	1	-
- Embling Street	-	1	-
- Gair Place	-	1	-
- Maltby Circuit	-	1	-
- Sullivan Crescent	-	-	1
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
- Bussau Close	-	-	2
Bicycle theft			
- Gartside Street	--	--	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	1	1	3
- Denigan Street	-	1	-
- Gartside Street	-	1	-
Arson			
- Ashley Drive	-	1	-
Other theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Rylah Crescent	-	1	-
- Denigan Street	-	3	1
- Bromley Street	1	-	-
- Langridge Street	1	-	-
- Cuthbert Circuit	1	-	-
- Methven Place	1	-	-
- Gartside Street	-	1	1
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Sulwood Drive	-	1	-
- Fincham Crescent	-	-	1
- Comrie Street	-	-	2
Other property damage			
- Denigan Street	2	-	-
- McWhae Circuit	2	1	-

- Sangster Place	-	1	1
- Balfour Crescent	1	1	-
- Mackinnon Street	-	1	-
- Ashley Drive	-	-	1
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>

## Neighbour Day – Sunday, 31 March

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community and is managed and supported by Relationships Australia. It's held on the last Sunday in March every year and encourages everyone to connect with their neighbours, to say hello, share a cuppa or even have a community party.

Neighbour Day is about building better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and vulnerable. Neighbours are important because good relationships with others can and do change communities. Social connection also makes us feel better as it helps prevent loneliness, isolation and depression.

Neighbour Day is intended to bring together like-minded people, resources and organisations to grow stronger, well connected communities – every day of the year.

This year, Neighbour Day will be held on 31 March 2019, with the theme of "**Loneliness: What Neighbours can do to create Connections**". It certainly seems like an ideal opportunity to get to know our neighbour(s).

The Good Neighbour Award is given annually to a nominee for making a positive difference to their neighbourhood; making a special effort towards people around them; offering to help in practical or special ways or for volunteering or supporting the local community.

Nominations for this year's award are now closed, with the winner to be announced over the Neighbour Day weekend..

## What's in a Name?

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

**Holden Crescent: George Frederick Holden** (1869-1934) merchant and Victorian politician; Chairman Melbourne Trust 1913-34; MLA Warrenheip 1900-13.

## 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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