



## WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – September 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.

Crimes can also 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.

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.

### 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 is reminding bicycle owners to secure their property and be vigilant following recent bicycle thefts. Here are some steps owners can take to limit the chances of their bicycle being stolen:

- Do not leave a bicycle in areas of high visibility such as storage cages, balconies and hallways.
- Always ensure your bicycle is locked and secure with a chain or bike lock, even if it is locked in a storage cage.
- Never leave your bicycle unsecured and unattended when out in public.

Also, we have recently conducted a successful information stall at Erindale Shopping Centre to support and promote the joint NHW/AFP 'Secure September' initiative.

The related brochure outlining some useful tips is now available, along with several other helpful brochures, on the ACT NHW website at the following link: <http://www.nhwact.com.au/brochures.php>.

### What's in a Name?

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

**Sainsbury Street: Henry Head Sainsbury** (1838-1902) manager and Victorian politician; MLA Creswick 1877-80.

### 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.

You can find us at [www.facebook.com/NHWACT/](http://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/), or can also connect through our website at [www.nhwact.com.au](http://www.nhwact.com.au).



### Notice of Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc. at 7.00pm on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at the **Gungahlin Lakes Club in Nicholls**.

## Monthly Crime Statistics

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

Offence type	June	July	Aug.
Assault (ABH & Other)	3	2	5
Motor vehicle theft			
- Keys Crescent	-	1	1
- Bailes Court	-	1	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	1
- Snowball Place	-	-	1
- Ahley Drive	-	-	1
- Byrne Street	-	-	1
- Strachan Place	-	-	1
Number plates theft			
- McBryde Crescent	1	1	1
- Guthridge Crescent	2	-	-
- Gaunson Crescent	2	-	-
- Mackinnon Street	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	-	1	1
- Athllon Drive	-	1	-
- Holden Crescent	-	1	-
- Langridge Street	-	1	-
- Gibb Place	-	-	1
- Adamson Crescent	-	-	1
Bicycle theft			
- Mackinnon Street	1	-	-
Burglary dwellings			
- Wheeler Crescent	-	-	1
- Langdon Avenue	-	-	1
Arson			
- Ashley Drive	-	1	-
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	2	2	3
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
Other theft			
- Gartside Street	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	1	-	-
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Comrie Street	1	1	1
- Michie Street	-	1	-
- Sangster Place	-	1	-
- Rylah Crescent	-	1	-
- Snowball Place	-	-	1
- Denigan Street	-	-	2
- Sullivan Crescent	-	-	1
- Pasley Place	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- Comrie Street	2	-	-
- Erindale Drive	1	-	-
- Denigan Street	-	1	1
- Ashley Drive	-	1	-
- Houston Street	-	-	1
- Leggatt Street	-	-	1
- Langdon Avenue	-	-	1
- Longmore Crescent	-	-	2
- Wheeler Crescent	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>

Whilst it is pleasing to note the drop in recorded burglaries during the past three months, the continuing frequency of number plate thefts in the area is a cause for concern. Motorists are again reminded that tamper proof screws are readily available on request at all local Police Stations to protect against this offence.

## Neighbourhood Watch Week

This year Neighbourhood Watch Week will be held in conjunction with Bunnings Crime Prevention Week and will take place from **13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

Arrangements have been made for a barbeque at the local Bunnings store in Tuggeranong on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Come along and visit our stall on the day and enjoy a sausage sandwich and a chat with local Police and Neighbourhood Watch representatives.

The aim of the week is to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch by raising public awareness of their local programs and the benefits of belonging to a local Neighbourhood Watch group. The overall objective is to increase membership of and encourage participation in Neighbourhood Watch programs throughout Australia.



Once again there will be three key messages throughout that particular Week:

- **Become part of Neighbourhood Watch today**
- **Feel more connected in your neighbourhood**
- **You can prevent crime in your neighbourhood.**

We would like you to think about what you could do during NHW Week in your community. Do you have some new residents in your street who may like to join? Promote being connected to your community – it is certainly worth celebrating!

For more information contact NHW ACT through your local Area Coordinator via the details shown on the front page.

## 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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