



GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Est. July 2011

Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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We have 822 Gordon NHW members on Facebook

The Committee of Gordon Neighbourhood Watch wishes the residents of Gordon and readers of this Newsletter a happy and safe festive season

It's that time of year again when everyone and everywhere tends to get busy. Planning special events, holidays, end of term activities for the children, shopping, getting last minute jobs done before the end of year close-down, and the list goes on.

Amid all of this hustle and bustle, and increased pressure, it is easier for mistakes to happen, for things to go unnoticed and perhaps forgotten. It is at this time of year when the incidence of theft, burglary, scamming and other shady activities increase. Those who are 'up to no good' will look to take advantage of our guard being down.

Shopping Centre's are busy, giving the potential pick-pocket more pockets to pick from!

Roads are busier, and with the festive season comes festive behaviour. Being 'merry' can for some mean increased alcohol consumption, and perhaps other substances, causing a lack of judgement and control.

A great deal of money may be spent purchasing gifts, many of which the would-be thief or burglar would like to get their hand on, as would scammers enjoy duping us out of our hard earned cash.

Protect your valuables

- Keep cash and valuables out of sight.
- Adjust your blinds or curtains so you can't see what is inside.
- If you hang your key near a door with glass panels, make sure it is out of reach of anyone who could smash a pane.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash in your home unless it's in a good quality safe.
- Keep valuables in a safe spot and photograph items such as jewellery.
- Record the serial numbers, makes, models, colour and size of your specific items. Keep the list of inventory in a safe place and keep another copy away from home. Make sure you update the inventory when you get new property.

So, please, this festive season be vigilant, careful, thoughtful and, of course, NEIGHBOURLY.

PLEASE REMEMBER, PETS ARE A LIFELONG COMMITMENT, **NOT** a Christmas gift only.

Please think very carefully, and if possible, put off any decision to purchase/adopt a pet until the New Year, when the hype of Christmas has passed. The RSPCA and other animal adoption centres are often inundated with unwanted pets soon after Christmas, causing unnecessary stress and suffering to innocent animals.



Triple Zero

Emergency, police, fire or ambulance



131 444

For police assistance



1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers



McIntyre PROPERTY

Happily supporting the Gordon Community

Col McIntyre and his team are proud to continue to support the Gordon Neighbourhood Watch program. We have staff who live in your area, so look to your local team for all your **real estate sales** and **property management** requirements.

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The Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre (MYLCC) is located at 22 Sidney Nolan Street, Conder, free parking available. MYLCC plays an important role in providing pathways for community members to engage in social, cultural, recreational and educational activities. The MYLCC is Drug-free, Alcohol-free and Violence-free.

Some of MYLCC community services include:

- Children's Education and Care Services
- Domestic Violence Support
- Housing Support
- Youth Engagement



Full details are available at: <https://ywca-canberra.org.au/community-services/mura-lanyon-youth-and-community-centre/>

LANYON FOOD HUB AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

The Lanyon food hub provides emergency relief to families who are experiencing significant financial distress.

Access to the Food Hub

The Lanyon Food Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm. It includes a pantry-style system with a mixture of non-perishable, fresh produce, refrigerated and frozen items.

Please call ahead if you need access outside these times and MYLCC will make arrangements to the best of their ability.

Support for the Food Hub - The Lanyon food hub is funded through a Financial Wellbeing and Capability grant from the Department of Social Services. The food hub is also supported by Foodbank NSW/ACT and OZHarvest. **MYLCC would welcome** any other donations from business, individuals or organisations of in-date and sealed NON-PERISHABLE items.

ACT Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)

24/7 Crisis Intervention

What we do

We provide 24/7 crisis intervention services to anyone who is experiencing, or has experienced, domestic and family violence. Our crisis services are provided 365 days a year and include:

- telephone support
- attendance with police at domestic and family violence incidents
- access to safe emergency accommodation
- safety planning
- referrals to support services.

When you call us you will speak to someone specially trained in crisis intervention and support who understands domestic and family violence—someone who will listen and believe you. We understand that everyone's situation is different, and there is no 'one size fits all' approach. We understand that relationships are very complex. We do not pressure people to leave. We do not pressure them to call police or involve the courts.

Concerned family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and medical and allied health professionals are also very welcome to call our 24/7 telephone crisis line for information and guidance on how to support someone.

What does it cost

These services are provided free of charge.

Contact us

To access our crisis intervention services call our 24/7 crisis telephone line 02 6280 0900. If it isn't urgent another contact option is to email crisis@dvcs.org.au; this email is only monitored during business hours. You are welcome to call us reverse charges. If you live outside the ACT please call **1800RESPECT**.

The Gordon Community Centre (GCC) is located at the corner of Lewis Luxton Avenue & Woodcock Drive Gordon, free parking available. GCC is run in partnership with Lanyon Valley Anglican Church and provides a range of services and programs.

Full details are available at:

<https://www.anglicare.com.au/services/mission-community-engagement/survive-and-thrive/gordon/>

LANYON PANTRY AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

Emergency food relief and personal care items are available to assist people experiencing hardship. GCC also provides information and can assist with referrals to other services for long term support. No health care card or pension card required. Access to the Pantry is limited to a maximum of one visit per month.

Access to the Pantry

The Pantry is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am till 3pm

Support for the Pantry

Little Luxton is your friendly neighbourhood cafe in Gordon. One dollar from every coffee sold goes to support local community programs. As of 22 November 2024, a **WHOPPING** \$83,899 has been raised. GCC would welcome any other donations from business, individuals or organisations of in-date and sealed NON-PERISHABLE items.

Fix My Street = <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/city-services/fix-my-street>

What you can report or request

You can report issues and concerns about the following topics.

For indicative response times, visit the <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/complaints/response-timeframes>

Cycle and footpaths

You can:

- report damaged or blocked paths
- request new paths or ramps to paths
- request cleaning of debris off paths

Grass, trees and shrubs

You can:

- report death cap mushrooms
- request tree inspections
- report weeds or request mowing or maintenance outside the seasonal schedule
- report damage or vandalism to public or private trees
- Report privately owned shrubs/hedges which are growing onto footpaths, public walkways, urban open space, blocking access or causing a line-of-sight issue
- request tree planting
- report grass causing line of sight issues

Roads and vehicles

You can:

- report accessibility issues
- report damage to road areas such as potholes or damaged signs
- report safety issues such as speeding or faulty traffic signals
- request street sweeping outside the seasonal schedule
- report abandoned vehicles.

Parks and public spaces

You can:

- report damage to facilities such as public BBQs, toilet, parks, and playgrounds
- report graffiti or vandalism
- report safety concerns such as sharps, toxic fumes or chemicals
- report movable signs such as corflute signs advertising events or businesses, A-frame signs or real estate signs
- report litter or illegal dumping

Stormwater

You can:

- report tie and mains blockages, floods and leaks
- request cleaning, repair or maintenance of stormwater drains.

If your issue relates to sewerage or potable water, contact Icon Water on 02 6248 3111.

Streetlights

You can:

- report damaged poles, flickering, dim or broken bulbs
- request additional streetlights.

To see what you CAN'T report go to: <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/city-services/fix-my-street>

Thank you! The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to the following for their continued invaluable support.

McIntyre Property (Col McIntyre)

For generously sponsoring the printing of the Gordon NHW Newsletter.

Newsletter Deliverers

Without your significant voluntary contributions we simply would not be able to deliver the Newsletter to the post boxes of the more than the 3,000 residents of Gordon.

It is important to note that Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters are classified by the ACT Government as 'Community Information' and therefore are able to be delivered to all letter boxes regardless of notices to the contrary on any particular letterbox. However, should a resident expressly ask a Deliverer not to deliver the Newsletter then we will abide by the complainant's request. In order to facilitate this, the complainants address will be required.

AN EXCERPT OF CRIME STATISTICS

A = assault. **AO** = assault other. **AR** = arson. **B** = burglary. **BT** = Bicycle theft. **CD** = criminal damage. **GBH** = grievous bodily harm. **MVT** = motor vehicle theft. **N** = number plate theft. **OT** = other theft. **PD** = property damage. **ST** = shop stealing.

LEWIS LUXTON	AO	06/08/24
MCHALE	AO	13/08/24
TALLON	AO	18/08/24
LEWIS LUXTON	AO	25/08/24
WOODCOCK	MVT	20/08/24
LEWIS LUXTON	OT	21/08/24
MINA WYLIE	PD	03/08/24
KNOKE	PD	05/08/24
DEMPSEY	PD	10/08/24
OXENHAM	PD	24/08/24
MCGROWDIE	PD	24/08/24

CHIPPERFIELD	N	02/09/24
CHARLTON	N	24/09/24
KNOKE	PD	02/09/24
LEWIS LUXTON	PD	30/09/24

CERUTTY	AO	24/10/24
WOODCOCK	AO	26/10/24
BRADDON	AO	29/10/24
CHURCHILL	B	13/10/24
POPPLEWELL	MVT	14/10/24
FLEGG	N	08/10/24
CLEM HILL	OT	09/10/24
BIRCHALL	PD	11/10/24
POPPLEWELL	PD	16/10/24

Little Luxton is your friendly neighbourhood cafe in Gordon.

Nate and the team are locals who care about building community and serving people well. Along with your coffee you can get fresh pastries and treats from Three Mills Bakery and Sonoma. Or for something more substantial there are toasted sandwiches and sausage rolls. One dollar from every coffee sold goes to support local community programs. As of 22 November 2024 a **WHOPPING** \$83,899 has been raised. There is space for children to play, and toilet/change facilities. **Little Luxton is open Monday to Friday from 7am - 2pm, as well as Saturday from 8am -12 noon.**

Newsletter Deliverers always welcome!

Approximately one hour of your time every 2 to 3 months is all it takes to contribute positively to your local community. For further information, contact us at: gordon@nhwact.com.au

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The aims of Neighbourhood Watch: To help people to protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the risk of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers and by fostering a friendly community spirit.