

Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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REPORTING CRIME ONLINE

ACT Policing has now launched its Online Services Portal, so that members of the public can now report non-urgent matters such as property damage and vandalism to the police using a new online form. The Portal will also provide an online means for the community to submit requests or provide information to the police. The Online Services Portal is found on the ACT Policing website police.act.gov.au.

As the capacity continues to be developed, Online reporting will be extended to more types of crime.

If they wish, the community can still report non-urgent matters to the police by phone 131 444, or by attending their local police station.

Emergencies and life-threatening incidents are still reported by phone to Triple Zero (000)

Emergency 000
Attendance 131 444
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Inquiries 6256 7777

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Deadline for next newsletter
Friday 25 August

ACT POLICING LIVE COMMUNITY Q&A

Last month ACT Policing set up a Live Community Q&A on Facebook, where members of the community could ask questions of Chief Police Officer for the ACT Neil Gaughan and five other members of the Force. ACT Policing was pleased with the number of people asking questions and with the chance to hear the community's thoughts.

As the panel could not get to all the questions asked on that occasion, there will be another Q&A later in the year; details will be given on the ACT Policing Facepage.

HACKETT PROFILE

Margy Burn



Margy was born in London. Her father was an aviation meteorologist with the wish to experience other countries, so the family lived in Australia, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea, during which time she attended boarding school in Adelaide. In Papua

New Guinea her father's aviation connections led to travelling by air to remote areas in light aircraft and helicopters, and they hiked in the highlands to small villages, crossing high swing bridges across fast-flowing rivers. As a boarder in Adelaide, she enjoyed school holidays staying on the rural properties of school friends.

The family returned to Adelaide as she finished secondary school. She attended Flinders University, studying an Arts degree in history and sociology. This was followed by a postgraduate degree in librarianship. She worked at the Adelaide University Library in Special Collections, with rare books from Australia and the Pacific, historic photographs and personal papers, including those of Daisy Bates, from her time camping with Aboriginal people at Ooldea, in far-western SA, recording their language and culture.

Margy later became Mitchell Librarian, heading the part of the State Library of New South Wales that houses the Australian and Pacific collections, including a comprehensive record of NSW history. The Mitchell Library holds the private papers of significant people, historic records of organisations, documentary pictures, oral histories and Australian writings from earliest to current time.

Margy became Assistant Director-General of the National Library, responsible for the Australian research collections: pictures, maps, manuscripts and oral histories of people of national significance. Some examples of the papers she acquired during this time include those of round-the-world sailor Kay Cottee, Nobel Prize winner Patrick White, and Dymphna Clark, the talented linguist whose papers were stored in the laundry of the home she shared with her husband Manning Clark, whose own papers occupied a lofty study before being acquired by the National Library. Margy has long been concerned to

include the works of people not always well represented in libraries: those from culturally diverse backgrounds; women, gay and lesbian and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This often required earning trust before the people would agree to share their life experiences in a national collection.

Margy retired from the National Library in 2018. She did not regard retirement as a time for rest. She continues to work with women's archives as a volunteer, sorting and listing papers for acquisition by various libraries. She became Chair of the Australian Women's Archives Program, a collaboration between the University of Melbourne and the National Foundation for Australian Women, set up with the aim of building recognition of the contribution of women in all fields and providing links to research resources about them available through an online Women's Register.

She has become secretary of the Friends of Mount Majura and writes the regular newsletter; she is a regular weeder and her knowledge of local birds and plants is increasing rapidly.

As one of those who established a community FM radio station in Adelaide in 1979, she has enjoyed returning to public radio as a volunteer with 1RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped), presenting a regular morning program reading from newspapers and co-presenting the weekly gardening show.

Margy bought a home in Hackett in 2002 and has planted the front garden with native and Mediterranean plants chosen for minimal use of water. Her interest in native plants stems from her time as a student living on a property in the Adelaide hills with a large exotic garden set in beautiful bushland.

She and a friend joined the Burley Griffin Canoe Club to train as kayakers, so that they could join an Antarctic cruise on an ex-Russian icebreaker, where the passengers explored the coast of Antarctica by kayak. She now enjoys regular kayaking at Molonglo Reach.

DOORKNOCK SCAM

A resident reports that a woman came to her door claiming to be from the Breast Cancer Foundation. She wore a pink hoodie with the BCF logo on it and a lanyard, but did not show any official credentials. She asked not for money but for bank details.

The resident checked the Breast Cancer Foundation website. There it claimed that BCF never door-knocks and was aware of the scam.

CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS June 2023

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie			3			1	5		1	10
Campbell	3		1			1	23			7
Dickson	4	1		1	2		10		4	22
Downer		1					1			2
Hackett	1					2			1	4
Lyneham	3	3	1		1		1		5	14
O'Connor	1					1	1		5	8
Reid			1						4	5
Turner	1	1		1		1	9		5	18
Watson	1	3		1	1	3		1	5	15

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Number plate theft	Phillip Avenue	5 June	Property damage	Haddon Street	13 June
Number plate theft	Rivett Street	10 June	Assault	Stanley Street	25 June

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Third Sunday Working Bee, on *Sunday 20 August 1 – 4pm*, meeting at the North Watson Nature Park entrance, 50m south of the Aspinall Street roundabout, to search for and destroy woody weeds including cotoneasters and Cootamundra Wattle. We provide tools and gloves and afternoon tea, and advise that you wear covering clothes, and bring drinking water, also gardening gloves if you have them.

For more information check the website majura.org

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Farewell to The Money Study – The HCA thanks Malcolm Tew and his team for their contribution to the Hackett shops, notably during this year's ACT Heritage Festival when they kindly hosted photos of mid-century houses in Hackett. They have been here only for a few years but are moving to other premises in Canberra. We wish Malcolm and his team all the best.

Annual General Meeting on *Tuesday 8 August, 7.30-8.30pm*. If you would like to participate, please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details. We are always looking for people to join our committee – if you would like to nominate please send an email, we will send you a form to complete and return before the AGM

Hackett Community Association

TAMPER-PROOF SCREWS FOR NUMBERPLATES

Again this newsletter's crime statistics show theft of car numberplates from Hackett. Thieves can steal numberplates and then use them to hide their identity in a robbery.

The theft of numberplates can be prevented by attaching the plates with tamper-proof screws. A set of tamperproof screws, that can be installed with a standard screwdriver, can be purchased easily and cheaply from a hardware store.

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