

Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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HACKETT NHW SURVEY

Thanks to the more than 60 people who replied to the survey.

Some issues will be actioned directly by the Committee. Others will be referred to ACT Policing and the ACT Government to follow up. We will discuss results with the Hackett Community Association.

Residents are urged to report incidents of criminal or suspicious behaviour. **In a life threatening emergency call 000.**

Non-life-threatening incidents can be reported to either to **Crime Stoppers** <https://www.crimestoppersact.com.au/make-report/> or 1300 333 000 or **ACT Policing** <https://police.act.gov.au/> or 131444

A summary of survey responses:

“What additional/different material would you like included”

- Storm damage preparedness and tips
- more community events and profiles
- Crime prevention hints
- Advertising for local house sitters and pet sitters
- Profiles about Hackett organisations
- Update on security at the shops and other public places
- Information about plans for works and upgrades
- Historical Hackett information
- Local events, markets, open days, expos, local meetings
- Regular tips on security on home or property
- Useful information about nearby NHW groups and what they are doing
- More information about the crimes in Hackett
- Profiles of native flora and fauna
- Any issues with parking and access to houses
- More information about the community fire trailer during the summer months
- Include meeting dates for current and following month for Friends of Mt Majura
- On-going & regular surveys to ascertain level of engagement & improve reporting culture
- Profiles about children and their achievements
- Summaries of key items from Hackett Watson Facebook group
- Information about how to report street damage to TCCS.
- EV Chargers at Hackett Shops
- Juicy scandals

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Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 28 November

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HACKETT PROFILE

Terry de Luca



Terry was born in Sydney and grew up in Coogee. His family were known for their fruit retail business, beginning in 1886 with a 24 hour barrow in George St and

growing into DeLuca's of King Street, a local icon.

He attended the local Catholic schools, completing year 12 at Randwick Boys High in 1971. On leaving school he went to Melbourne to study for the priesthood with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at the seminary in Watson and at the ANU.

After 3 years he decided to become a High School teacher. He studied at Catholic Teachers College in North Sydney, with English and History. He graduated in 1978; that year he also married Christine. He taught at Saint Mary's College, Campbelltown, for six years, then for a year at Saint Patrick's College, Stratford. He returned to Campbelltown to become the founding English/Social Science Co-Ordinator at a new school, Mount Carmel Catholic College, in Varrowville, NSW. They then moved to Gunnedah where Terry became Deputy Principal of the Catholic High School. This was Christine's home town, and their three children could spend time with their maternal grandparents.

After four years they moved to Canberra, living initially at Giralang but moving to Hackett in 1997. Their children were attending school at Rosary and now had the advantages of living in a large city. Terry taught at Daramalan, Mackillop Catholic and Marist Colleges.

As a teacher he had seen the needs of people for counselling. He decided to train as a counsellor. He completed a Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management,

and a Graduate Diploma in Counselling at the University of Canberra, followed by a Master of Arts in Counselling and a Master of Educational Counselling at the Australian Catholic University. He then started in private practice as a counsellor. He worked with the Employee Assistance Program. He felt that all his studies have led to this point. He deals with a range of issues from stress, depression, trauma, anxiety, relationships and workshop relations. For him finding the appropriate solution is absorbing, there are over 400 therapeutic models to draw from. Terry finds mindfulness based theories useful.

Terry is licensed to practice as a clinical counsellor Level 4 with the Australian Counselling Association. Regular training is required to maintain a license – 25 hours of professional development and 10 hours of clinical supervision each year.

Having worked full time for many years, he now works mornings only. He is engaged in professional writing. He has a very extensive musical record collection and listens frequently. Counselling has shown him the need we all have for regular exercise; he now rides to the museum every second day. In winter it becomes cycle training in a gym. He became the first president of the Hackett Community Association in 2002, and was for many years its treasurer and a committee member. He spearheaded Clean Up Australia in Hackett for over 20 years; he continues to do so. He believes in life-long education, so will always study.

HACKETT NHW SURVEY Continued

“Are there any significant safety issues?”

Responses

- *Burglaries, break-ins and personal security
- *Off-street parking & children crossing roads
- *Parking on double lines and blind corners
- *Speeding cars: parking near intersections
- *Tree trimming and footpath repairs
- *Street signs, clear numbers on letterboxes
- *Anti-social behaviour, crime and graffiti
- *Parking near reserves at weekends
- *Repeated vandalism of street signs
- *Plant thefts
- *Barking dogs
- *Safety on Antill St. for people and ducks, with construction at the new Health Facility.
- *Safety for walkers on Reserve tracks:
- *Noise complaints
- *Safety concerns

CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS August 2025

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie		5					4		8	17
Campbell	1	2				1	4		1	9
Dickson	4	10	2	5	18	1	19		14	73
Downer	4	1	2	2		1	7		2	19
Hackett	2						1		1	4
Lyneham	3	4	1	5		2	3		4	22
O'Connor	1	2	1	1			4		2	11
Reid	2	2		1		1	1		5	12
Turner	2	3		1		1	4		9	20
Watson	1	1	1				6		2	11

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Assault	Dunlop Street	14 September	Assault	Hackett Place	17 September
Other theft	Mackenzie Street	19 September	Property damage	Madigan Street	21 September

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Third Sunday working bee on *Sunday, 16 November, 9am – 12 noon* meeting near the water tank close to the park entrance at Rivett and French Streets, Hackett.

We will spread mulch on a problem weed, dead Chilean Needle Grass, which was sprayed with herbicide. The deep mulch will prevent germination of new seedlings, allowing later seeding with native groundcovers. This activity is suitable for children.

Bring sun protection, drinking water, garden gloves if you have them. We provide gloves, tools, buckets, grass seeds and a cake for morning tea.

All welcome. More information and a map www.majura.org

HOUSE NUMBERS

House numbers need to be clearly seen from the street. An emergency vehicle coming to your home needs to be able to identify your number quickly.

Drive past your house and see if your number can easily and quickly be seen.

STORM DAMAGE

Spring is the time when Canberra may receive severe winds and storms.

Here are suggestions on how to help protect your home from storm damage.

1. Check your roof for any damage – broken tiles, leaks – and repair
2. Clean gutters and downpipes, to prevent a blockage that could cause flooding.
3. Trim trees and branches that could fall on your property
4. Make sure that your house insurance is current and covers you for what you need.
5. When you know of an approaching storm, put away articles that could blow away and cause damage.

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