



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

*Harrison*

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## Have you downloaded the Emergency Plus App?



If not, now is the time to do so. You never know when and where you may need to call emergency triple zero so the emergency Plus app helps ACT Policing and the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) find where you are.

Emergency Plus is a free app that uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a user provide their location to emergency operators. The app can be used Australia wide and displays the user's GPS coordinates and street address, enabling users to give the emergency operator their exact location. A new feature of the Emergency Plus app, is that it now incorporates the what3words service. What3words generates three words that correlate to a unique three-metre square location anywhere in the world. This information appears as three words on the user's phone. A user can say these three words to an emergency operator to describe their exact location. Users can call supporting agencies from within the app, and if the user is unsure of which service to call, the app provides details of the service provided and links to their websites.

In an emergency, seconds count, and this app is particularly useful for responding to jobs where a building has a hard to find entry, the caller is in an unfamiliar place with no identifiable landmarks, or in an area without easy to read street addresses.

Responders can thus arrive at the job sooner.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency say "from lost bush walkers to those impacted by floods or fire, especially those who like to explore our region, the Emergency Plus app will help to assist all first responder to get help to you faster"

The Emergency Plus app can be downloaded from the Apple and Google Play app stores. First launched in 2013, the app was upgraded and re-launched on 30 October 2020, and is an initiative of the Australian Government and State and Territory Emergency Services.

One limiting feature of this app is that if there is no mobile phone coverage on any network, you will not be able to reach the Emergency Call Service via mobile phone. While this app will function across most of Australia, mobile coverage may be an issue.

## From the Harrison Area Coordinator:

Following easing of Covid restrictions, things have opened up somewhat and Neighbourhood Watch has been able to get out and about in the Community a little more. Neighbourhood Watch ACT and Crime Stoppers recently manned a stall at the Canberra Show and patrons of the show were offered various pamphlets etc to assist in raising awareness of risks of crime and methods of minimising it. Over the three days of the show, many people came to speak to us (yours truly was there for a few hours on Sunday morning), and the exercise was deemed a success by our President and the Board. We look forward to carrying out similar stalls at other public events in the future.

The last Sunday in March (27 March this year) marks Neighbour Day, which is an annual celebration, sponsored by Relationships Australia, that encourages people to connect with their communities, bring together the people from next door, across the street or around the corner. It is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour, or connect with new

neighbours, and feeling part of the community. You can make Neighbour day as big or small as you like, whether a casual cuppa, a picnic in the park or a message of support. Maybe you could organise a game of anything on your local oval, or have a “bring a plate” street party. If you like, there is a website: Neighbourday.org where you can register your event .

Neighbourhood Watch activities may be found on the NHW website, <http://www.nhwact.com.au> , or from the Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page. –Sep

Harrison Crime Statistics	Dec	Jan	Feb
Motor Vehicle theft	1	1	2
Bicycle theft	-	-	-
Number plate theft	1	-	2
Other theft	1	3	2
Shop stealing	-	-	-
Burglary- dwellings	-	-	1
Assaults	4	2	1
Other property damage	-	-	4
Arson	-	-	-

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### More Street Names in Harrison:

**Kopi Lane.** Named after Kopi Plain in New South Wales, and is situated about 320km northeast of Adelaide (the nearest capital city). Kopi Plain is about 47m above sea level, and is one of the westernmost localities in New South Wales.

**Kalianna Street.** Named after a forest ridge in the Budawang National Park NSW, inland from Ulladulla. It is about 2 Km in length and the area is a favourite for bushwalkers being in the vicinity of “The Castle”, a spectacular feature in the Park.

**Drummer Street.** Named after a natural feature in Victoria, Drummer Falls. The Falls are on the Mackenzie River in the Grampians, and were allegedly so named because of the drumming sound they make as they crash over the rocks into the pool below.

**Phantom Street.** A Victorian natural feature - Phantom Falls are on the St. George River downstream from the Allen dam about three kilometres South-West of Lorne, Victoria, and near Marysville, which was devastated in the 2009 bushfires. The Falls are some 15 metres tall with an almost sheer drop.

**Windjana Street.** Named after Windjana Gorge, it is located NE of Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley region.. Formerly an underwater reef 350 million years ago, the reef has now been exposed with the drop in sea level. A river course has carved its way through the site forming towering walls up to 60 metres in some locations.

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