

Newsletter

## Hawker/Weetangera



### Recent Happenings

On our Facebook page there have been recent mentions of:

- Facebook Marketplace scams with people on-selling tickets to events, then requesting the purchaser pay a substantial fee for a name change on the tickets.
- Bikes being stolen from a resident's garage in Weetangera.
- Mail being taken from letterboxes in various streets.
- Teens entering properties in Weetangera, uninvited & claiming to get a ball.
- A laptop, car and camera equipment being stolen from Southwell Street, Weetangera. A further car and handbag being stolen from a Weetangera residence.
- Attempted car break ins in Weetangera.
- Uninvited entry into a home in Hawker but were chased off.
- The windows of a number of vehicles being broken in a Weetangera complex.

If you have footage relating to any of the above or other suspicious or criminal activity, please contact Crimestoppers ACT.

### NHW Signage

We are pretty excited to see the new NHW signs in Hawker and Weetangera that were installed during August. Hopefully these shiny new signs will promote our active NHW presence and that we are using many strategies to reduce crime in our suburbs.

### Crime Statistics

Below are the ACT Police crime statistics for July and August 2025. The figures are higher than previously reported which is expected. It is great to see our residents **REPORTING** issues, which we encourage everyone to do.

#### JULY 2025

| SUBURB     | STREET    | TYPE                           | DATE     |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| HAWKER     | BEETALOO  | Theft of Vehicle Number Plates | 04/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Other property damage          | 04/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Shop stealing                  | 07/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Other theft                    | 14/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | MORTON    | Burglary dwellings             | 14/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | BELCONNEN | Other theft                    | 18/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Other property damage          | 22/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | ELKEDRA   | Assault other                  | 23/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Other property damage          | 23/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Other property damage          | 26/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | BEETALOO  | Other property damage          | 27/07/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Other property damage          | 27/07/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Other property damage          | 30/07/25 |

#### AUGUST 2025

| SUBURB     | STREET    | TYPE                           | DATE     |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| HAWKER     | KULGERA   | Theft of Vehicle Number Plates | 01/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | ROSEWOOD  | Other theft                    | 05/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | MATHIESON | Other theft                    | 10/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Shop stealing                  | 12/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | BELCONNEN | Motor vehicle theft            | 14/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | ELSEY     | Assault other                  | 15/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | BELCONNEN | Other property damage          | 16/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SHUMACK   | Other property damage          | 17/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Shop stealing                  | 18/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Burglary dwellings             | 18/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | LINE      | Motor vehicle theft            | 18/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Assault causing ABH            | 19/08/25 |
| HAWKER     | HAWKER    | Burglary dwellings             | 22/08/25 |
| WEETANGERA | MATHIESON | Bicycle theft                  | 31/08/25 |

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## Key Updates



- Two Area Coordinators from the Hawker/Weetangera NHW group were invited to attend the NHW ACT Board meeting on 18 August 2025. NHWACT provided an overview of work being undertaken on the NHW Facebook sites (both ACT & individual suburbs pages) and highlighted the importance of social media as a tool for NHW. New guidelines for volunteer members of NHW will be circulated shortly when attending events on behalf of NHWACT. Recent NHW activities were discussed including the Hawker/Weetangera NHW launch.
- The Hawker/Weetangera group have submitted a 'Future-Ready Communities' proposal to NHWACT containing ideas for NHWACT to further enhance the valuable work undertaken.

Options explored included:

- \* Developing a Neighbourhood Watch app or interactive online tools
  - \* Leveraging social media and AI technologies to support NHWACT's initiatives
  - \* Establishing a Junior Neighbourhood Watch program to engage younger community members
  - \* Identifying targeted grant opportunities to fund specific projects
  - \* Offering free home security information sessions to empower residents
- The Hawker/Weetangera group has held several catch-up sessions with existing and new local members at Rocksalt at Hawker shops to discuss NHW activities. Stay tuned for information about future catch up sessions in case you would like to join us.
  - Some of our local coordinators have contacted all Hawker and Weetangera schools to help NHW being reinvigorated in the area and provided advertising material for inclusion to school newsletters. The schools are enthused about the work which our NHW group is undertaking and we hope to be able to build on this in the coming months. One of the first school initiatives is NHW members and NHWACT having a stall at the upcoming Hawker Primary School fete on 26 October.
  - NHWACT is currently reviewing their Constitution to ensure it is relevant and meets current legal requirements. Our local area coordinators have provided feedback on the draft updated Constitution.
  - We were also grateful to provide an information stand at the recent Hawker Community Repair Cafe where we got to chat to locals and provide them with crime deterrent information. We are already starting to see lots of bins stickers appearing on bin days.

## Quick Links

What's Your Secure Score?

<https://securescore.crimsafe.com.au/>

Safe Home team at Support Link

1300 656 200 or [safehome@supportlink.com.au](mailto:safehome@supportlink.com.au)





## Secure Your Home Tips



### Don't Make it Obvious

- Ask a neighbour to collect mail and packages or put a hold on mail through Australia Post.
- Ask a neighbour to bring your bins in and occasionally park their car in your driveway.
- Put lights on timers.
- Have a trusted family member or friend housesit.

### Outdoor Lighting

- Well-lit entry points can deter potential intruders.
- Use motion-sensor lights near entryways and paths.

### Secure Entry Points

- Don't leave spare keys in outdoor hiding spots like under a mat or pot plant. Instead, leave your spare key with a trusted neighbour/friend or in a hidden locked key box.
- Secure windows and glass sliding panel doors with a metal pin or piece of dowel to prevent them from being lifted off their tracks.
- Remember to lock your doors and windows, even when at home.
- Ensure all doors and windows have sturdy locks.
- Deadbolts and quality security screens on external doors and windows add an extra layer of security.
- Installation of door camera or a home security system.

### Lock Up Cars

- Cars stolen from people's houses are often used to commit other crimes.
- Offenders look for easy access points to houses such as open doors or windows and use those opportunities to steal car keys.
- There are many options available to help keep your car safer. Check out our Facebook page for links.

### Secure Valuables

- If you park your car outside, make sure it is locked and there are no valuables inside.
- Outdoor items such as bicycles and garden tools are common targets for theft. Lock them away in a secure garden shed or garage.
- Ensure valuable indoor items such as keys and handbags are not visible from windows or entry points.
- Important documents such as passports or birth certificates should be secured in a lockable cabinet or personal safe.

### Secure Perimeters

- A strong and secure fence and gate around a perimeter can add an extra layer of protection against potential intruders.
- Ideally, also install a lock on your gate and on your letterbox.
- Replace weak or worn hardware such as hinges or screws with more durable options.

## Upcoming Events

Find us at the following upcoming local events:

**Hawker Primary School Spooky Fete** - Sunday 26 October 2025 - 10am-2pm

The following local events are also coming up:

- **Softball ACT - Australian Masters Games** - 18-25 October - all welcome
- **Markets at the Hawker Shops** - Saturday 25 October - pick up some early Christmas gifts
- **Making Memories Open Garden and Plant Sale** - Fundraising for dementia research with light refreshments - 2 Limbunya St, Hawker on Saturday 15 November between 10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-6.30pm.

Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1426595>

## Our New Sponsor - Softball ACT



We are excited to welcome Softball ACT as our newsletter sponsor. Their support will assist us to provide printed copies of our bi-monthly newsletter which will be available at multiple locations for collection.

We thank them for their generous support.

The Australian Masters Games are coming to Canberra from 18–25 October, with the Hawker International Softball Complex hosting more than 50 softball teams from across Australia.

This exciting event will see hundreds of players, officials, and visitors in our community, creating a vibrant atmosphere and showcasing our local facilities. Residents are warmly invited to come along, enjoy the games, and be part of the celebration.

Please note that due to the large number of participants and limited car spaces at the complex, there may be increased traffic and additional cars parked in nearby streets during this period. Softball ACT wishes to thank residents in advance for their understanding and support as they welcome teams from across the country.

## Key Contacts

| ORGANISATION   | NUMBER              | ORGANISATION            | NUMBER           |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Emergencies    | <b>000</b>          | Access Canberra         | <b>132 281</b>   |
| Police         | <b>131 444</b>      | State Emergency Service | <b>132 500</b>   |
| Crime Stoppers | <b>1800 333 000</b> | RSPCA                   | <b>6287 8100</b> |

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