



YARRALUMLA

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ACT
NEWSLETTER



From the Area Coordinator

The crime statistics for November made for a more hopeful start to the warmer months. We and Curtin recorded 3 crimes each while Deakin accounted for just 2. More importantly, perhaps, was that there was just one case of assault other (in Curtin) and one theft of a motor vehicle (again in Curtin) while each of us reported a single case of theft of number plates. Our other crimes were cases of other property damage while Deakin had one case of other theft. Interestingly, all our crimes were in public areas. With the holiday season approaching quickly, we must not rest on our laurels or lower our guard. Looking across the wider ACT community, there were still all too many instances of serious crimes being committed, including various examples of assault and burglaries. Many of us will be travelling during the summer and there might be a temptation to share our adventures on social media and other platforms. Please be aware that a photograph showing you on a cruise, at the beach, camping interstate or simply travelling indicates that you are not home. If this is the case, advise your neighbours of your proposed absence and ask them to keep an eye on your property and collect the mail, especially advertising material which has a habit of building up if unattended. Consider asking them to park their car in your driveway or put out the bins in order to make the property seem inhabited. Above all, make sure your property is secured by locking all doors and windows and do not leave tools and equipment such as ladders in a position that gives easy access to your residence. If you have a security alarm or security cameras, ensure they are in working order and switched on.

I know I have been banging on a bit on the subject of scams but I think it is worthwhile as financial institutions have been reminding customers of the prevalence of these and the damage that can be caused by responding to them in such a way that gives the scammers access to private data. One of my banking institutions provides examples of email scams, phishing and sms scams. On top of these, I have been receiving weirdly sourced emails recently from unintelligible email addresses purporting to come from a range of sources such as Bunnings or other institutions and some just impossible to decipher. What they are seeking is beyond my ken but suffice to say my delete button has been working overtime. The rogue telephone calls about which I have written previously continue but, if the number is unrecognisable, I wait to see if there is a message and, invariably there is not. One exception to this occurred recently when I thought I knew the number and, so answered the call. I am afraid I was rather abrupt when the caller began by asking if I was 'Iron', a telling moment that it was not a usual contact and then he proceeded to ask after my health. I informed him firmly that my health was not improved by such unsolicited calls and that as an 80 year old plus retiree I did not welcome such intrusions and, to my surprise, I received an apology and the caller hung up. I do not think this would work in most cases as often there is an automated message but it did give me some satisfaction to temper my frustration.

I should bring to the attention of residents in the Hampton, Irwin, Weld and MacDonnell block that we have a vacancy for the role of distributor of the newsletter. If any reader would like to volunteer their services, I should be grateful to hear from you.

Finally, my thanks to our committee, our sponsors, our distributors, our school and all of you who have been supportive this year and I wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season however you celebrate it and the same for 2024.

Until next year...

YARRALUMLA CRIME STATISTICS

NOVEMBER 2023

DATE	STREET	OFFENCE TYPE
01/11/23	MARINER	Other property damage
23/11/23	ALEXANDRINA	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
25/11/23	WESTON PARK	Other property damage



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*Safe & Secure
Festive Season!*



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

If you're going away...

- Organise a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property – empty your mailbox, mow your lawns, take your bins out.
- Avoid sharing too much on social media, particularly surrounding your personal information and being away from your home.
- Consider having your lights on a timer.

If you're staying at home...

- Be cautious not to leave your gift wrapping or empty boxes in plain sight.
- Lock your doors and windows even if you are home.
- Don't leave new gifts laying about (new bikes, scooters, tools).



YARRALUMLA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

MEETINGS

THIS
MEETING

NO MEETING

NEXT
MEETING

20 FEBRUARY 2024

VENUE

YARRALUMLA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

START TIME

7:30 PM

The NHW committee generally meets on the **third Tuesday** of the month unless this conflicts with school holidays when school facilities are not available as for April. The NHW committee does not meet formally in Dec and Jan during the long school break.

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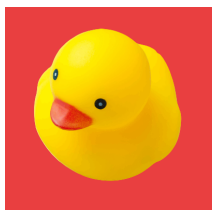
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