



YARRALUMLA

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ACT
NEWSLETTER



From the Area Coordinator

We have two vacancies for the position of newsletter deliverer. One for the block bound by Schlich from the laneway opposite Broome Crescent down to Maiden and around to Black Street back to the laneway. The second vacancy is for the blocks within Denman, Maxwell, Schomburgk and Woolls, the developments around the bend and the residences in Bentham Street from the laneway between Schomburgk and the vacant block. Of course, I shall provide maps to anybody taking on these roles. I am most grateful to our longtime deliverers who are retiring and I wish them a happy and healthy retirement. My telephone number is listed in the newsletter under the section naming committee members. You will need to complete an Application Form and undergo a Police Check. The Application Form can be downloaded from the ACT NHW website and submitted online or I can print one off and drop it off to you. As these positions are now vacant, I should be grateful for an early response from volunteers.

In July, I had the opportunity to attend an ACT Policing briefing on online safety and security. It was useful, informative and sobering. You will have read about the staggering sums scammers have been making at our expense and the hundreds of thousands of victims each year. Two observations our briefers made were that more and more scams are being initiated from within our borders and the scammers have become more sophisticated and plausible. Of course, we still have the obvious ones whose spelling and syntax let them down but others have put considerable effort into presentation. They are the people who are succeeding in duping many of us into responding to their overtures. One piece of advice the presenters gave us was not to take a call from a number you do not recognise because, if the caller is genuine, they will likely leave a message.

This is a practice I have employed for some time and it has saved me from not only possible scams but also spared me from engaging those callers who are peddling wares or trying to have me sign up to their particular cause or charity. I have lost count of the number of times I have been forced to hang up on someone who genuinely is trying to gather support for what is clearly a worthy cause but will not take 'no' for an answer. As for emails – our presenters reiterated that those whom the scammers claim to represent such as the ATO, my gov, the banks or retailers will not ask for passwords, personal details etc but, if you are not sure as to whether the email might be genuine, you can approach the said institution separately either by telephone or email or their website. Do not respond to the suspect email.

To our sponsors who will have been approached by Sam inviting you to renew your commitment to us, I, too, encourage your continuing support. Without you, we would not be able to produce our newsletter. With the recent loss of businesses from our local shops, it is pleasing to see some positive developments. The recruitment of several General Practitioners by Yarralumla Surgery is welcome, especially as they are again accepting new patients. For details of how to make an appointment please see their sponsor's message in the newsletter. You will have noticed that we also have a new restaurant which should be able to fill the vacancy left by the closure of Emperor Court.

I have not yet had access to the crime statistics for July, hence my lack of mention of them. If we are unable to include them in this newsletter, we shall do so next month.

Until next month...

Assault

Any act (excluding attempted murder and those resulting in death) which are intended to cause non-fatal injury or harm to another person and where there is no sexual or acquisitive element.

Robbery

The unlawful taking of property, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property, from the immediate possession, control, custody or care of a person, accompanied by the use, and/or threatened use, or immediate force of violence.

Burglary

The unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence, where the entry is either forced or unforced. A structure is defined as a building that is contained by walls and can be secured in some form. This includes (but is not limited to) a dwelling (e.g. a house, flat, caravan), office, bank, shop, factory, school or church.

Motor vehicle theft

The taking of another person's motor vehicle illegally without permission, with the intent of temporarily or permanently depriving the owner/possessor of the use of the motor vehicle. This includes the theft of a motor vehicle, illegal use of a motor vehicle.

Theft

The unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods, services (other than from motor vehicles) or non-motorised vehicles, without the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner/possessor of the use of the money or goods. Additionally, the taking of another person's motor vehicle parts or its contents illegally, whether or not this also involves the taking of the motor vehicle.

Property damage

The willful and unlawful destruction, damage or defacement of property excluding pollution. This includes property damage by fire or explosion, graffiti or other method.

To view the latest crime statistics in our area visit the Crime Statistics Map at <https://www.policenews.act.gov.au/crime-statistics-and-data>.

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YARRALUMLA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

MEETINGS

THIS MEETING	20 AUGUST 2024
NEXT MEETING	17 SEPTEMBER 2024
VENUE	YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
START TIME	7:15 PM

The NHW committee generally meets on the **third Tuesday** of the month at the school, and when school facilities are unavailable, in the Uniting Church hall. The NHW committee does not meet formally in Dec and Jan during the long school break.

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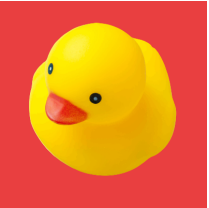
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