

Neighbour Day 2021 will take place on Sunday, 28 March, providing all Australians with an opportunity to recognise the strength we draw from our communities, and to continue to build creative connections within neighbourhoods and wider communities. We are asking everyone to get creative, reach out, and to encourage social connection.

Connected people connect communities.

ACTNHW Facebook

ACT Neighbourhood Watch has an active Facebook page where you will find some useful information regarding various local activities and events. There is also some helpful advice relating to community safety and instructions on crime prevention and reporting. You can find us at www.facebook.com/NHWACT/ or connect through our website at www.nhwact.com.au

Any feedback would be most welcome.



A Reminder to Seniors

For your safety, carry your doctor's phone number and a list of your medications in your wallet/purse.

STREET LIGHTING:

If residents believe their street light is not functioning correctly or is damaged or broken they can report it to Canberra Connect on 132281.



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Footpaths – reminder to keep cleared

It is each resident's responsibility to keep the footpath on their boundary clear of shrubs, trees, weeds, debris, etc so that pedestrians, parents with prams or strollers, persons using walkers or wheelchairs or with poor eyesight and the new Australia Post vehicles can safely use the footpaths. It is time to get out your secateurs and trim the firethorn and cotoneaster hedges, the vicious cacti, and sprawling native shrubs and trees if they are limiting the use of your section of footpath

An extract from <http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/public-land-use#naturestrips>:

Foliage on the nature strip, or foliage growing out from your lease that overhangs a public footpath, must be pruned to maintain a minimum height of 2 metres above footpaths and to be in line with the edge of the footpath (this includes hedges and groundcovers). For safety purposes it is a requirement that pedestrians must have access to the entire width of the footpath.

Wanted – help to assemble the newsletter

Our friendly Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter is printed 4 times a year and we are looking for help in laying out the copy from supplied articles so it is ready for printing. It is not a big job and we would love to hear from you if you can help.
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**Support our local shopkeepers
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Bikelinc is a community of bike-minded people helping to reduce bike theft



Bikelinc Australia is a free online platform, powered by Crime Stoppers, that enables cyclists to store images and details of their bike in a secure and easily searchable database. Bikelinc began as a joint initiative between Crime Stoppers WA and the WA Police in late 2019. Since then, over 15,000 bikes have been registered in WA with many missing bikes safely and promptly returned. The ACT is the second jurisdiction to join the service. ACT Policing's Officer In Charge of Community Safety, Detective Inspector Mark Rowswell said the Bikelinc initiative would deter theft and help police to return bikes to their rightful owners. "Stolen bikes we have recovered often fail to make their way back to the original owner because they cannot be accurately identified," Detective Inspector Rowswell said. "In the past 12 months, only 18 of the 204 bikes in the ACT Policing Exhibit Management Centre have been returned to their rightful owner, with another 24 returned to the person who found the bike. The remaining were either sold or destroyed. "We know in recent years more Canberrans have bought bikes which is great for our community but as a result bike theft has grown by more than 25 per cent in the ACT since 2017. In 2019, 787 bikes were reported stolen. "The new Bikelinc service will allow police to quickly match any recovered bikes with a serial number and images uploaded to the site by their owner."



IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
Care for it!



"Working together to fight crime and win"

AINSLIE CRIME STATS March 2021

Duffy	Property damage
Ebden	Other theft
Edgar	Other theft
Wakefield	Bicycle theft

Lock an Hide to protect your ride

ACT Policing advise that car break-ins are often opportunistic crimes and it could happen to you. Even when your car is locked, it's not impossible to get in. Offenders are less likely to break in if they can't see anything worth stealing. So take the time to lock your doors, close the windows and don't leave valuables in sight.

Please be an active member of the Ainslie community, report suspicious or criminal activity, but never endanger your own safety.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH is about you, your local neighbourhood, the wider community and ACT Policing working together to establish and maintain a safer community by reporting any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to



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You can help Police by reporting incidents of reckless driving.



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SURROUNDING SUBURBS CRIME March 2021

	Number Plate Theft	Burglary Dwellings	Vehicle Theft	Bicycle Theft	Shop Stealing	Property Damage	Assault	Arson	Other Theft	Total
Ainslie				1		1			2	4
Braddon		1	3	4	1	5	3		9	26
Campbell			1			2			1	4
Dickson	1	1	2	3		3	1		7	18
Downer	1	1	1	1		3	1		3	11
Hackett			1	1		1	1		2	6
Lynham	2	3			1	2	2		5	15
O'Connor		2		4		3	3		4	16
Reid	3		2			1	3		5	14
Turner	1		1	1		3	1		4	11
Watson	2	3	3			1			5	14