#### Doggy do's & Doggy dont's!

Pick it up! Its annoying to come across piles of dog mess on the pavement, grass or other areas where we choose to walk or ride. One rarely sees stray dogs wandering, from which we can reasonably

conclude the offenders are dogs that are owned. We might also assume from the fact that these dogs are exercised, they are also valued and cared for. If only those same dog owners could have respect for the rights of other people, in being able to safely use our public areas without fear of trudging through a dreaded pile of poo!

All dog droppings in public places must be removed by the dog owner. It is an offence not to remove your dog's droppings in a public place and not to carry appropriate equipment to pick up your dog's droppings. An on-thespot fine of \$50.00 can be issued by authorising officers if you do not pick up and dispose of your dog's droppings. An on-the-spot fine of \$50.00 can also be issued if you are not carrying appropriate equipment to collect your dog's droppings. For more information on dog laws and pet ownership in the ACT, please refer to Domestic Animal Services. So remember, please DO carry bags and DON'T forget to pick up your dogs droppings!

On leash areas. You can take your dog to all major parks as long as it is on a leash. Dogs must also be kept on leash on all paths and cycleways for the safety of walkers and cyclists. As a general rule, if you are ever in doubt DON'T allow your dog off the leash.

Shared paths. Dogs must be on leash on shared pathways outside off leash exercise areas (see Access Canberra for details of off-leash dog exercise areas). Please be mindful of passing pedestrians and cyclists and keep to the left. The behaviour of any dog can be unpredictable at times. If your dog attacks a human, another dog or other animal, you could be facing costly medical and/or legal bills. DO the right thing, and keep your dog under control at all times.



Ainslie Neighbourhood Watch www.nhwact.com.au



# Keep safe & warm this winter

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and working correctly greatly increase the survival rate of occupants of a building in the event of a fire. *Have you replaced your batteries*?

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## Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) Conference

Clare McGrath (Ainslie NHW Secretary)

As the ACT representative on the Board of NHW Australasia I attended the NHWA International Conference on the Gold Coast on 21 and 22nd May. The theme was "Creating Safer Communities" and sessions focus on Crime prevention including What works for Neighbourhood Watch; The Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program in Victoria; Tackling human exploitation and Bridging the digital divide.

### **Neighbourhood Watch is effective!**

It was inspiring to hear the work of Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, Program Director, School of Social Science, University of Queensland whose research has found that NHW programs are effective in reducing crime in areas where they are located. She has found NHW can make a difference and that

NHW plays an important role in coordinating a successful partnership between local communities and police to achieve safer more secure neighbourhoods. Participation in NHW has benefits for both individuals and communities

You can read more at:

https://acwap.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ Womens-Police-Journal-Issue-46.pdf (pp28-30).



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#### **CRIME PREVENTION and NHW**

At the NHWA International Conference, ACT Chief of Police Neil Gaughan, **Commissioner Katerina** Carroll (Qld Police) and Professor Lorraine Mazerolle discussed the benefits for NHW members and the broader community in having an effective NHW group in the local area. Some of the take home messages include:

- 1. NHW groups know their communities better than police as they have a connectedness that feeds into policing. Exceptional relationships is a powerful things and some NHW members have been in a community for a significant time. The dedication to keeping their community safe aligns well with police work.
- 2. ACT Chief of Police Neil Gaughan said that ACT Policing can't do what they do without community support. The community is the eves and ears of the police and ACT Policing do listen to what NHW members say.
- 3. There are a significant number of recidivist offenders however ACT Policing do not know

when they are going to strike. NHW members spreading the message of community safety and prevention tips, including identification marking of property helps prevent and reduce crime.

- 4. The challenge over the next few years is for NHW to reach a younger demographic
- 5. Domestic violence is becoming a significant issue. We need a public discussion about how we can identify households with an issue and how we can help
- 6. The best way to deal with online scams and frauds is to educate and intervene early. NHW has a role to play here particularly with the elderly and vulnerable. Prevention is better than cure!
- 7. Elder abuse: NHW can reassure and reduce isolation and contribute to greater levels of social cohesion. ACT Chief of Police Neil Gaughan commented that there is a stigma to report elder abuse and we need to be able to break down the stigma. Don't hesitate to get to know your neighbours.



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vour car is outside. vour windscreen is most likely covered in ice.

Please **DON'T** leave your car running unattended when warming it up, and most importantly **DON'T** drive with your windows covered in ice.

You don't want to receive a frosty reception from US....

## **Ainslie Crime Stats** - May 2021

LOCATION	CRIME						
BONNEY	Other theft						
CAMPBELL	Number plate theft						
	Other property damage						
COX	Bicycle theft						
EBDEN	Other property damage						
HANNAN	Other property damage						
HARGRAVES	Other theft						
HERBERT	Other theft						
HOBSON	Assault causing ABH						
HODDLE	Other property damage						
HOWE	Other theft						
OFFICER	Arson						
QUICK	Assault other						
	Other property damage (x2)						
TYSON	Burglary dwellings						

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If a crime is in progress

or police attendance is

required, it should be

reported promptly to

the police on **131 444**.

all suspicious activity

It is important to report

no matter how trivial it

may appear. A particular

incident may be one part

of other related incidents

and this report may lead

police to apprehend

offenders.

Crimes can be reported online (preferably) at either the **'report a** crime' tab at www.police. act.gov.au or the 'report crime online' tab at www.act.crimestoppers. com.au or direct to a police station.

When reporting information to Crime Stoppers via phone or website we encourage you to include the term **NHW** at the beginning of vour report. You can still do this while remaining anonymous. This will allow us to identify important information we receive from our valued NHW members.

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to CRIME STOPPERS on 1800 333 000 or online at www.act.crimestoppers.com.au. 

## Surrounding Suburbs Crime - May 2021

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Pouse	NUMBER Plate Theft	BURGLARY - Dwellings	VEHICLE Theft	BICYCLE Theft	SHOP Theft	PROPERTY Damage	OTHER Theft	ARSON	ASSAULT	TOTAL
AINSLIE	1	1		1		6	4	1	2	16
BRADDON		1	3	9	4	5	22		6	50
CAMPBELL			1	1		5	5		4	16
DICKSON	1		2	4		4	13	1	3	28
DOWNER	1					3				4
HACKETT	2			1			1			4
LYNEHAM		2	2	2	1	4	9	2	2	24
O'CONNOR	2			7		4	2		1	16
REID		2	2			3	2		1	10
TURNER	3	6	4	6		5	9	1	3	37
WATSON	5	1	2			3	5			16