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Winter 2020

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Casey Neighbourhood Watch acknowledges and sincerely thanks our dedicated front line healthcare, aged care, disability, pharmacy, supermarket and public transport sector workers who have been providing essential services to the community throughout the period of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

From the Area Coordinator

In April, I was appointed President of NHW in the ACT following the resignation of Margaret Pearson who leaves the post to focus her efforts as company secretary on the Board of NHW Australasia. Margaret has been a strong advocate for NHW during the past 15 years, serving on the Board in a number of positions including two periods as President (2009-2012 and 2016-2020). Her strong advocacy for NHW in the ACT has ensured that I am taking over an organisation that enjoys considerable support within the ACT Government and from our partners, ACT Policing. I look forward to working with all our members across the ACT to continue to build and strengthen NHWACT as we face the challenges of the future.

As a resident of Casey, I would like to congratulate you all on the way you have responded as a community to the significant events that have impacted us all in 2020. From the support you provided to the victims of the bushfires through you generous donations and for the way you responded to the COVID-19 restrictions, you can all be proud. My hope is that we can continue to work together as we emerge from the lockdowns to keep Casey a safe and secure place to live.

> Laurie Blackall Casey NHW Area Coordinator

<u>COVID-19</u>

We will continue to exercise caution as the ACT starts to reopen for business and I expect that the next event we will hold will be the Annual General Meeting in October this year. Further advice will be provided as the situation around COVID-19 progresses.

Good Neighbour Award 2020

Margaret Pearson presented the 2020 "Good Neighbour Award" to Mr John Perrett, a resident of Deakin at a small ceremony held in the home of his close neighbour, Mary Anne Rosier.

This Award recognises a resident of the ACT who has made a positive difference to their neighbourhood by making a special effort towards people around them; by offering to assist in practical or special ways or for volunteering or supporting the local community.

<u>Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)</u> <u>Community Brochures</u>

NHW Australasia recently published a range of brochures on Security and Safety in a number of languages. The brochures are in Arabic, Burmese, Chinese (Simplified), Hazaragi and Sudanese-Arabic with the themes of:

- Be a Good Neighbour
- Be Safe and Secure
- Protect your Vehicle

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- Protect You Home
- Protect Yourself

I have copies of these brochures available. If you would like copies or if you know of any community groups that would benefit from having these informative brochures made available please let me know so I can arrange for them to be delivered to the appropriate people.

The only place to find all Ray White listings is on Zango.

www.zango.com.au

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 *CrimeStoppers*. Remember: You can report anonymously.



Police and public safety remains priority during COVID 19

Police are reminding the community that threats involving COVID-19 and spitting or coughing on emergency workers could end in serious penalties, including jail. Alarmingly, there has been a notable change in people's behaviour in recent weeks to use the seriousness of COVID-19 to threaten and scare people about their safety.

This behaviour will not be tolerated. Coughing and spitting on ACT Policing officers (or anyone else) is considered an assault. Assault is a criminal charge with serious penalties including jail time.

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Crime Statistics*

Casey crime stats Mar-May20	Assault causing ABH	Assault other	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Number Plate Theft	Other property damage	Other theft	Shop stealing	Grand Total
Andersch					1				1
Carmody		1							1
Chilton					1				1
Dalkin								1	1
David Miller						1	1		2
Hanley		1							1
John Crawford							1		1
Kingsland						1		2	3
Mick Shann						1			1
Plimsoll	1								1
Seery				1					1
Senger						1			1
Shedden							1		1
Spratt			1						1
Ted Richards			1						1
Victoria Owen							1		1
Walter Crocker					1				1
Westerman					1				1
Grand Total	1	2	2	1	4	4	4	3	21

Monthly comparison of crime for Casey Mar-May20	Mar20	Apr20	May20
Assault causing ABH	1		
Assault other	1		1
Burglary dwellings	1		1
Motor vehicle theft			1
Number Plate Theft	1	2	1
Other property damage	2	2	
Other theft	2	1	1
Shop stealing	2		1
Total	10	5	6

For a full definition of what is covered under each crime type, refer to the AFP webpage at https://police.act.gov.au/crime/crime-types

If you have any preferences on how the crime statistics are presented (either the month by month figures for Casey or a comparison with nearby suburbs (as per previous editions) please contact us by email at <u>casey@nhwact.com.au</u>.