



CHAPMAN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies (serious/life threatening)	000
Police Attendance (minor crimes)	131 444
Crime Stoppers (provide info)	1800 333 000
State Emergency Service	132 500
Conflict Resolution Service	6162 4050
Home Safety Program	6163 9084
Citizens Advice Bureau	6257 1687
Access Canberra	132 281
Water/sewer emergency	131 193

ABOUT NHW

With the support of ACT NHW, a small team of Chapman residents has been working on reviving our local neighbourhood watch. Special thanks to Tom Ellis the Principal of Bertram Ellis Realty for offering to print free of charge our twice-yearly newsletter, and also to Sue Rabbidge who has offered to act as Secretary Treasurer.

NHW is a community crime prevention program aimed at promoting a sense of safety, security and wellbeing. It seeks to reduce crime, particularly property crime and offences against the person and it aims to promote a secure environment resulting in safe and active neighbourhoods.

Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours' properties, particularly if no one is home, and to report any suspicious behaviour to police.

You can show your support for this worthwhile organisation by becoming a member, with no fee involved. The application form can be found at the following website: www.nhwact.com.au.

Anyone willing to assist with delivery of newsletters in their nearby streets, or with any other NHW activities, are kindly asked to contact the Area Coordinator on the email address above.



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REPORT IT

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at <https://act.crimestoppers.com.au>. If a crime is in progress or police attendance is required, it should be reported promptly to the police on 131 444. Crimes can also be reported online (preferably) at either the 'report a crime' tab at www.police.act.gov.au or the 'report crime online' link at <https://act.crimestoppers.com.au> or direct to a police station.

For record purposes, we encourage you to also indicate that you are a Neighbourhood Watch member when reporting incidents or providing information.

It is important to report all suspicious activity 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. This could include rubbish dumping, car racing and burnouts and vandalism. Don't assume that someone else has called the police, multiples calls are better than no calls at all.

WHAT DO I REPORT?

It is important to notice and report any identifying features of suspicious people or vehicles. The more distinguishing features noticed the better to assist patrolling police with their enquiries.

These can include such things as gender, height, shape, hair, clothing, any particular traits or characteristics such as walking with a limp, stooped, etc.

Similarly for vehicles, any additional details including number plate, size of vehicle, SUV 4-wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, hatchback, colour, any damage or conspicuous features in the paintwork, significant wheels, etc.

Also, if you notice a child or animal trapped in a hot vehicle, please call 000 to ensure prompt attention from both ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance.

ACT POLICING INFORMATION

ACT Policing is reminding bicycle owners to be vigilant following recent bicycle thefts:

- Do not leave a bicycle in areas of high visibility such as storage cages, balconies and hallways.
- Always ensure your bicycle is locked and secure with a chain or bike lock, even if it is locked in a storage cage.
- Never leave your bicycle unsecured and unattended when out in public.

The related brochure outlining some useful tips is now available, along with several other helpful brochures, on the ACT NHW website at the following link: <http://www.nhwact.com.au/brochures.php>.

MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS

The following criminal offences have been reported in Chapman for the last three months:

2019	July	Aug	Sept
Assault (ABH 7 other) Maplestone		1	
Motor vehicle theft Doyle Terr		1	
Number plate theft Percy Cr Kathner St	2		1
Bicycle theft			
Burglary dwellings Doyle Terr Monkman St		1	1
Shop stealing Perry Dr			1
Other theft/property damage Emery St Darwinia Tce Perry		2	1 1
Total	2	5	5

In relation to these statistics, householders are reminded to turn on their alarms when out of the house, and to keep doors and windows locked where appropriate. Motorists are reminded that tamper proof screws to prevent vehicle number plate theft are readily available on request at all local Police Stations.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

This year's Neighbourhood Watch Week will be held in conjunction with Bunnings Crime Prevention Week and will take place from November 13 – 20.

Arrangements have been made for a barbeque at the local Bunnings store in Tuggeranong on Sunday, 17 November. Come along and visit our stall on the day and enjoy a sausage sandwich and a chat with local Police and Neighbourhood Watch representatives.