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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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I was delighted to have met so many local residents at Neighbour Day (on 31 March at Charles Weston School) and to hear from so many of you, the desire for Neighbourhood Watch to again become active in our area. At this point of time, we envisage producing a newsletter each quarter and possibly holding meetings at least once or twice a year.

YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER HAS RETURNED!

Welcome to the first edition of our Coombs-Wright Neighbourhood Watch newsletter for 2019.

My name is Manish Raj and I am your new Area Coordinator for Coombs & Wright Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Mellors and Christine Mellors for starting NHW in Coombs in 2017, and as local

coordinators, diligently looking after our suburbs until now.

I have been a supporter of Neighbourhood Watch for many years, and am excited about the opportunity we have in our area to continue with Neighbourhood Watch, and I look forward to the positives, I believe this will bring to our community.

As a community we can assist the police greatly by observing and taking note of any suspicious activity or criminal activity in our neighbourhood. No matter how insignificant you think your observation may be, it could well be the vital piece of information that the Police require to solve a crime or to apprehend an offender.

With little more awareness we can all help to make our homes and suburbs a safer place to be.

Till next time. *Be safe, stay safe.*

Manish
Coombs-Wright Area Coordinator

Good Neighbour Award 2019

This Award recognises a resident/s of the ACT who has/have 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.

This year the Good Neighbour Award is presented to Margaret and Mick Dando from Ainslie. They were nominated by Kasy Chambers, Executive Director of Anglicare Australia in Canberra.

stop for a chat, keep local residents in touch with each other, watch their house while they are away – the list goes on.

Upon noticing a number of elderly people walking in their street, they set up a park bench style seat outside their house. The seat has become used by many residents in the local neighbourhood; children on their way home from school, people stopping off for a chat and, in particular, one elderly lady has been able to extend her walk by double and reach the Dickson "duck pond" with her little dog because there is somewhere to rest on the way. This deed alone has resulted in extending the lady's health and her overall enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Mick is often on hand nearby the seat to enjoy a chat when people call by. In fact, others in the street have even put in their own seats in the spirit of light-hearted competition.

Also, Margaret is an active Police Volunteer at City Police Station and reportedly even turned up for her usual front office shift on her 85th birthday. Overall, Margaret and Mick have made their street a neighbourhood and certainly represent the true values of Good Neighbours in our community.

President of NHW ACT Margaret Pearson presented the award on Monday (25 March) to the pair who were visibly humbled by the recognition.

Read more:
<https://policenews.act.gov.au/news/community-news/good-neighbour-award-2019>



Margaret Pearson,
Mick and Margaret Dando and Jason Kennedy



DOB IN A DEALER 2019

Did you know that Australia has one of the highest rates of illegal use per capita of drugs in the world? Criminal drug related activity is not only costing Australians millions of dollars in healthcare and law enforcement, but it is tragically and unnecessarily costing hundreds of human lives each year.

Crime Stoppers' 'Dob in a Dealer' campaign aims to stop the manufacture, supply and dealing of drugs in Australian local communities by reporting drug-dealers and drug related activity.

Drug use stops with the dealers and Crime Stoppers need support from its local communities to identify dealers of illicit drugs.

It's your community. So, it's your call.

Help create a safer, drug free environment for you and your family by calling our free anonymous hotline on 1800 333 000.



CRIME STATISTICS for MARCH 2019

WOODBERRY	COOMBS	Assault other
ARTHUR BLAKELEY	COOMBS	Burglary dwellings
LAFFAN	COOMBS	Burglary dwellings
YORSTON	COOMBS	Bicycle theft
MADGWICK	COOMBS	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
GIFFORD	COOMBS	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates
BILL LENG	COOMBS	Other theft
CHANTER	COOMBS	Other theft
WOODBERRY	COOMBS	Other property damage
BLACKMORE	COOMBS	Other property damage
ARTHUR BLAKELEY	COOMBS	Other property damage
PHILIP HODGINS	WRIGHT	Bicycle theft
PHILLIP HODGINS	WRIGHT	Other theft
CATALANO	WRIGHT	Other property damage
PHILIP HODGINS	WRIGHT	Other property damage

REPORT ANONYMOUSLY



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Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) ACT is a community based crime prevention program and a key strategic partner for ACT Policing.

The NHW program aims to reduce crime by encouraging the community to watch out for and report suspicious activity to police or Crime Stoppers to deter potential criminals. The program seeks to reduce

crime, particularly property crimes and crimes against the community.

Neighbourhood Watch involves communities by:

- Developing initiatives and educating residents on personal safety
- Encouraging neighbours to get to know each other
- Fostering partnerships with other organisations.

"It's your
Neighbourhood Watch
JOIN today"

Neighbourhood Watch assists with reducing crime and opportunities for offenders, helps and reassures fellow residents, creates a closer community and encourages residents to engage with local police.

To find out more or to become a member of Neighbourhood Watch in the ACT, visit the <http://www.nhwact.com.au/> or <https://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/>



Neighbour Day Celebrations

Molonglo Valley Community celebrated the Neighbour Day on Sun 31 March 2019 at the Charles Weston School. What a fabulous celebration of community and connection with their neighbours. We all loved seeing cultures collide in the most admiring and respectful way. The sounds of music, laughter, games, different spoken languages, the aromas of delicious foods from around the world, and the visual sight of cultural dress, dancing, and colourful stalls greeted everyone who arrived. Thank you so much to the Mingle Team, for their commitment and support to our wonderful community to ensure a successful neighbour day. Enjoy some of the photos of this multicultural community event.



Young at Heart

"Young at Heart" meet every Wednesday at Coombs Cottage from 10.00am-12.00pm. This group is dedicated to retirees in the area who want to connect with others in their community. Join this vibrant and friendly group of residents for a cuppa some conversation and some laughs. Come on down if you think this is for you and please feel free to let your neighbours know. Contact Molonglo Mingle on 1800 777 952 or email: mingle@act.gov.au

