



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Curtin - July & September 2020

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Types of Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is behaviour or action in a relationship that harms an older person.

Financial Abuse is the illegal or improper use of a person's finances or property. It includes:

- stealing or misappropriating money
- forcing changes to a will or other legal documents
- denying access to personal funds, forging signatures or misusing Power of Attorney.

Psychological Abuse is the infliction of mental anguish. It includes:

- verbal intimidation and shouting
- threats of physical harm
- withholding affection
- threats of institutionalisation
- removal of decision-making powers.

Physical Abuse is the infliction of physical pain, injury or physical coercion. It includes:

- inappropriate restraint or medication
- locking a person in a room.
- hitting, slapping, pushing, biting, scratching, shaking and arm twisting

Sexual Abuse or exploitation includes:

- rape
- indecent assault
- sexual harassment

Social Abuse involves preventing a person from having social contact. It includes:

- denying support of family or friends
- monitoring or denying a person from using communications such as a phone
- stopping a person from socialising

Neglect is a carer's failure to provide life's necessities. It includes:

- inadequate or inappropriate food, supervision, clothing or housing
- lack of mental, physical, social or cultural contact and/or stimulation
- failure to meet physical needs or provide medical treatment.

Elder abuse resources at <https://bit.ly/3idcPE7>

Distracted Drivers and Vulnerable Road users

In Sep 2020, ACT Policing is asking all road users to limit their chances of being distracted.

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COVID-19 update

The ACT Public Health Emergency has been extended to 19 Nov 2020. The ACT Chief Health Officer can continue to take any action, or give any direction, considered necessary to protect Canberrans from and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the ACT.

It's been more than 5 weeks since the last COVID-19 case in the ACT. Over 67,000 tests were conducted since the pandemic began.

While the ACT is in a good position, there will be further outbreaks in Australia and we need to remain vigilant.

The Recovery Plan is focused on minimising and managing risk. Restrictions will be further eased when the situation permits.

We ask Canberrans to maintain the behaviours we have all learnt over the past months - keep your physical distance, practice good hand hygiene and stay at home if you are unwell and get tested for any COVID-19 symptoms.

It's in everyone's interest to keep our city free of COVID-19 and prevent community transmission so that we can maintain our path to recovery and protect our most vulnerable community members.

Taken from a speech by ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith

Full speech at <https://bit.ly/31r7Z02>

ACT Covid portal at <https://bit.ly/3jeRN81>

Reporting Historic Sexual Assaults

ACT Policing's new Historical Sexual Assault Online Reporting Portal allows victims of historical sexual assault to lodge a report with the police. It complements existing reporting methods such as visiting a police station, contacting ACT Police Operations for a patrol attendance or via referrals from external stakeholders. The new portal sends a report to ACT Policing who then contacts the victim.

Victims may want an investigation, initiate court proceedings or simply contribute for reporting purposes. The new portal outlines the information required for such proceedings and give victims the choice to proceed with a criminal investigation or not.

Any incident of sexual assault no matter how long ago can be reported. If an incident happened less than 6 months ago, call 131 444, go to a police station or visit the hospital.

Visit the portal at <https://bit.ly/31KcTW5>

Ramblings Around Woden: The illoura Saga

Block 40 *by Neville Bleakley*

The best-known tenants of the soldier-settler block called Illoura were Guy Tanner and his wife Frances (Brownie) Parramore of Tarcutta who purchased it in 1928. Their stories are well worth telling. However, the next few editions of Ramblings will tell the history of Illoura before their purchase.

Illoura was actually two soldier-settler blocks: the amalgamation of Blocks 40 and 26A in the District of Woden. It occupied most of present-day north-west Curtin, bounded by

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Cotter Road in the north, Heysen St to the south, McCulloch St to the east and Malangi St Weston to the west.

Block 40 was leased to John Francis Donnelly in Oct 1920. Donnelly, born in 1885, was a member of the pioneering Donnelly and Massy families of the Gundaroo-Bungendore districts. He was the quartermaster sergeant on the staff of General Bridges when World War 1 began. He was wounded at Gallipoli (where Bridges was killed).

Donnelly was subsequently transferred to the Western Front. In May 1917 he commanded companies in the Second Battle of Bullecourt that achieved what Charles Bean described as the finest work by Pioneer Regiments in that war. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his efforts. He finished the War as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Pioneer Battalion.

After the war, Donnelly returned to Bungendore where he became an auctioneer. However, he still applied for a soldier-settler block in Woden. He was only given a short-term lease of Block 40 as he did not intend to live on the lease but to raise stock on it.

Part of his lease was resumed to make a camp for the workers of the Outfall Sewerage Works at Westridge who, Donnelly complained, left his gates open, allowing his stock to escape. Donnelly became disenchanted. His lease was terminated in July 1924, and five months later Block 40 was incorporated into Block 26A. Donnelly died in Sep 1962, and is buried in Woden cemetery.

Strengthening engagement within the ACT

The ACT government is engaging with residents through several different projects. These are driven by “ACT Whole of Government Communications and Engagement Plan 2019” at <https://bit.ly/33fD8TV>

Read about what the ACT government is doing in Woden by reading the web page at <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/woden-weston-molonglo>.

The page has a button where you can register to have stories sent to your email account.

You can also provide feedback on Canberra's development by joining the YourSay Community Panel. You'll be invited to provide comments on specific projects in Canberra. One such project was the CIT Woden campus design.

When you join, you will receive email opportunities to participate in surveys and other activities on a range of topics. You can see the user research results and how your views were used. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3m5D7us>

You can also find a summary of what Canberrans had to say on a variety of topics via telephone market research and how those views are contributing to the work of government. Read the reports at <https://bit.ly/2RbrRy9>

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Driving is something many of us do every day, but you have to pay attention to what you're doing. If not, you're more likely to hit something such as a pedestrian, a cyclist, or another vulnerable road user. The consequences could be tragic.

Likewise, everyone else should think about what they're doing on our roads. Pedestrians need to look out for traffic instead of their phones when crossing. Cyclists shouldn't wear headphones while riding. Don't multiply the risks to your own safety and make yourself more vulnerable.

Crime Prevention

Canberrans can expect to see more police in the community because there are 3 new ACT Policing teams focused on crime disruption, prevention and problem solving.

This is part of ACT Policing's new Police Services Model. Chief Police Officer Neil Gaughan said where ACT Policing has previously focused on reacting to crime the new model addresses known crime risks before they cause wide-spread harm.

The teams will focus on issues that cause repeat calls for service across the local community. This includes working with community organisations to ensure vulnerable Canberrans are engaged with available appropriate services.

They will also use other capabilities and technology funded by the new Police Services Model, including real-time intelligence tools, body-worn cameras and mobile devices.

Crime Statistics

July 2020 – Three incidents

Byrnes	Motor vehicle theft	18/06/20
Curtin	Other property damage	21/06/20
Allan	Other theft	19/06/20

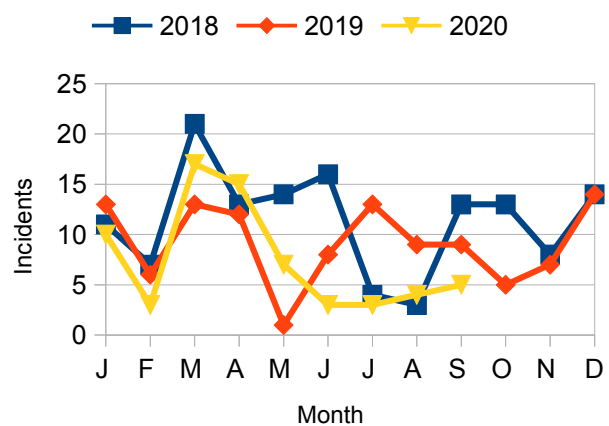
July 2020 – Six incidents

Theodore	Assault causing GBH	20/07/20
Yarra	Assault other	18/07/20
Curtin	Shop stealing	08/07/20
Curtin	Shop stealing	11/07/20
Morgan	Theft of vehicle number plates	23/07/20
Waddell	Theft of vehicle number plates	27/07/20

August 2020 – Five incidents

Tuggeranong	Arson	24/08/20
Dunstan	Other property damage	15/08/20
Curtin	Other property damage	16/08/20
Holman	Other property damage	20/08/20
Curtin	Shop stealing	27/08/20

Monthly incident tracker



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