



Florey Neighbourhood Watch newsletter

June 2021



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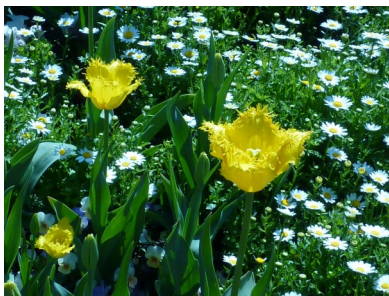
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The next **Belconnen Area NHW Community Forum** will be hosted by Macgregor/Holt NHW and is on **Wed 16th June at Kingsford Smith School.** Details are on **page 2.**

Belconnen Area NHW Community Forum

Despite COVID-19 restrictions the inaugural Belconnen Area NHW Community Forum, held on 24th March at Florey Primary, was a great success with over 50 people attending. Inspector Brett Booth from ACT Policing, Belconnen updated us about the latest trends in crime and strategies to reduce risk. Clare McGrath, Vice President Northside, NHWACT and representative on the ACT Region Crime Stoppers board spoke about how we are the eyes and ears for the police and that our

reports to Crime Stoppers can be the essential link Police need. Reports to Crime Stoppers can be anonymous. We also welcomed Laurie Blackall, President of NHWACT who advised that Chief Police Officer Neil Gaughan is fully supportive of NHWACT and that we are working at expanding NHW across the ACT



Floriade comes to Florey

We are delighted that the Florey NHW application to take part in Floriade Community was successful. You will notice new plantings at the shops. We needed to be creative to use the existing garden beds

this year and I thank Florey NHW members and friends who helped during the week of 1 June to pick up the bulbs and annuals, deliver a load of soil, heavy lifting and shovelling and finally planting of the flowers. We will be ensuring the flowers are maintained over the growing season and we should have a lovely display in time for Floriade.

Save the Date

Café Catch-up **Wed**
@Cesar's Cafe, **9 June**
Florey shops **7 July**
10am-11am **11 Aug**

NHW (Belconnen) Community Forum, **Wed**
Kingsford Smith **16 June**
Primary School
7.30pm-8:30pm

ACT Policing & NHWACT at **Thurs**
Kippax Shops **17 June**

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You're invited!

Neighbourhood Watch—Belconnen Area Community Forum Hosted by Macgregor-Holt Neighbourhood Watch

When: Wednesday 16th June 2021, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Kingsford Smith Primary School Hall, 100 Starke St., Holt, ACT. 2615—Entrance to hall adjacent to car park off Starke Street.

If you would like help with transport to the school hall please contact Florey@NHWACT.com.au or SMS Sharon on 0402072229

Agenda

1. 7.30pm Welcome
2. ACT Policing will provide the latest information about issues in Belconnen
3. Lina Webber, Liaison Officer for Seniors, ACT Policing will provide information about the role of her team in the community
4. Uniting Care Kippax providing an outline of assistance they provide to the community.
5. General questions and discussion.
6. 8.30pm close



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHWA) Conference

Sharon Leigh-Hazell, Area Coordinator for Florey NHW and District Delegate for Belconnen was fortunate to attend 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 thing 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 Gaughan said that ACT Policing can't do what they do without community support. The community is the eyes 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.

Would you like to be a part of Florey NHW?

Become a member today—it's free!

Download a form at www.nhwact.com.au or email florey@nhwact.com.au

Florey Community News

These issues are not the direct domain of Florey NHW but have been raised at its community forums.

Florey Oval

The future of Florey Oval was covered by ABC 666 Canberra and 2CC. Minister for Education and Sport Yvette Berry posted to Facebook information about the engagement of Florey Primary School students regarding their interests in what should be done with the oval. There is a Florey Oval Facebook site.

Florey Shops Traffic Management

The issue of delivery parking and school traffic behind the Florey Shops was raised by MLA Peter Cain on behalf of several residents. Minister Chris Steel has organised a week long traffic survey into this area.

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 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.

<p>Emergency</p> <p>000</p> <p>Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or life threatening situation.</p>  <p>Think first then dial</p>	<p>Police assistance</p> <p>131 444</p> <p>Call police for things like break-ins, robberies, violence or if you see a crime occurring.</p>  <p>police.act.gov.au</p>	<p>Crime Stoppers</p> <p>1800 333 000</p> <p>Call Crime Stoppers if you have information about a crime.</p>  <p>crimestoppers.com.au</p>
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FLOREY CRIME STATS - FEB TO APR 2021

Street	Assault other	Bicycle theft	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Shop Stealing	Other property damage	Other theft	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	Grand Total
ENRIGHT			29 Mar, 16 Apr						2
FRENEY	3-Mar								1
JOHN CLELAND						9-Apr	21-Mar		2
KESTEVEN			9 Mar, 15 Mar	11-Mar					3
LE SOUEF					11-Mar				1
LIDGETT							18-Apr		1
NANSON		10-Apr							1
ROUGHLEY					7-Mar				1
SAYCE	21-Apr								1
SOUTHERN CROSS	29-Apr								1
SUMMERVILLE	14-Mar						19-Feb		2
Grand Total	4	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	16

Source: ACT Policing

History of Florey

Information on the history of Florey can be found at Florey's Wikipedia page. This was recently updated by one of our members. Before housing commenced, Florey was approximately 250 hectares of undulating open paddocks with very few trees. It was primarily used for sheep agistment. The first section of housing was in the south-west area (streets surrounding Barnard Cres) and completed in 1979. In 1984, construction started on the remaining parts of Florey.

More information at—

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florey,_Australian_Capital_Territory

Florey NHW Café Catch-up @ Cesar's Café have been a popular event each month since the first in April 2018. At the May catch-up we talked about the upcoming Floriade Community in Florey, an event to celebrate the blooms in September and a community family day at one of the parks in October.

The next Cafe Catch-up will be on **Wed 9th June - National First Responders Day!** We always start at 10am and finish by 11am. Other upcoming dates are in *Save the Date* on page 1.

