



# Florey Neighbourhood Watch

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## GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD—CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Neighbourhood Watch ACT will announce the recipient of the Good Neighbour Award as part of Neighbour Day celebrations on Sunday, 28 March. The Good Neighbour Award is presented annually by NHWACT in recognition of an outstanding contribution by a person who has made a positive difference to their neighbourhood by regularly demonstrating the qualities and ideals of an exemplary neighbour over an extended period of time.

Completed nomination forms should be received by Friday **19 March 2021**.

Nomination forms are available at:

<https://www.nhwact.com.au/content/articles/nomination-form-good-neighbour-award-2021.pdf>. If you have problems downloading a form please contact Sharon at Florey@nhwact.com.au

## Every Day is Neighbour Day!

Neighbour Day is officially celebrated on the last Sunday in March each year, the purpose of the campaign is to raise national awareness of the importance of social connection and neighbourly actions throughout the year. Why not host your own Neighbour Day celebration? More information about Neighbour Day is on page 2.

### Florey NHW is hosting a Neighbourly Catch-up

**Saturday 27th March 2021**

**9am to Midday** near Supa Express and Cesar's Cafe, Florey  
Stop by, say hello and discuss questions you may have about crime and crime prevention... or just for a chat!

## Inaugural Belconnen Community Forum

NHW is growing in Belconnen! There are now NHW groups in Florey, Melba/Spence, Charnwood, Macgregor/Holt, Scullin, Page and Macquarie. So we have decided to combine forces!

Florey NHW is hosting the first Neighbourhood Watch Community Forum for the Belconnen area on Wednesday 24th March—and you are invited! Details are on page 2.

### FLOREY NHW SAVE THE DATE



**Café Catch-up**  
@Cesar's Cafe,  
Florey shops  
10am-11am

**Tues**  
**14 March**  
**13 April**

**NHW**  
**(Belconnen)**  
**Community**  
**Forum,**  
Florey Primary  
7.30pm–8:30pm

**Wed**  
**24 March**

**Florey Neigh-**  
**bourly Catchup**  
Florey Shops  
9am—Noon

**Sat**  
**27 March**

<p><b>Emergency</b></p> <p><b>000</b></p> <p>Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or life threatening situation.</p>  <p>Think first then dial</p>	<p><b>Police assistance</b></p> <p><b>131 444</b></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><b>Crime Stoppers</b></p> <p><b>1800 333 000</b></p> <p>Call Crime Stoppers if you have information about a crime.</p>  <p>crimestoppers.com.au</p>
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## You're invited!

### Neighbourhood Watch—Belconnen Area Community Forum

Hosted by Florey Neighbourhood Watch

**When: Wednesday 24th March 2021, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Where: Florey Primary School Assembly Hall, 57 Ratcliffe Cres, Florey**

**Space is limited to 50 people in the Assembly Hall**

**Avoid disappointment:** To ensure your entry to the forum please register by emailing Florey@NHWACT.com.au or SMS Sharon on 0402072229. If capacity is reached, unregistered attendees will not be allowed entrance.

### Agenda

1. 7.30pm Welcome
2. Inspector Brett Booth will talk about current crime and policing issues in the Belconnen area.
3. Lyn Murphy , ACT Region Crime Stoppers will outline how Crime Stoppers works; how it uses the information the community provides and how it works with ACT Policing. There will be time for questions and discussion with Lyn Murphy and Inspector Booth.
4. General questions and discussion.
5. 8.30pm close



*Relationships Australia*

Relationships Australia is the home of Neighbour Day  
Australia's annual celebration of community

### What is Neighbour Day?

Neighbour Day is an annual celebration that encourages people to connect with their communities; bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm.

It is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour, connect with new neighbours, and feel part of your community.

Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March every year.

You can make your Neighbour Day as big or small as you'd like; whether a casual cuppa, a picnic in the park or a message of support; it's the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most.

Visit the Neighbour Day website to register your event and download a FREE kit to help celebrate Neighbour Day.

### How to celebrate ideas

- Host a BBQ with neighbours
- Plan a 'bring a plate' street party
- Organise a game of anything on the local oval
- Have a party on your front lawn
- Meet for afternoon tea in the back paddock
- Enjoy a neighbourhood picnic in your favourite park
- Or simply have a cup of tea or a chat with a new or old neighbour.

**The community you want starts at your front door!™**

[www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org)

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## Identity Theft

Identity theft is most often experienced via hacking when your usernames and passwords are stolen and used to gain access to your bank accounts and other secure websites & services you use.

Two simple things you can do to prevent this from happening to you:

- ⇒ Use Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) when signing on to secure websites. In addition to username + password, 2FA requires the extra step of confirming your identity, usually via a code sent to your mobile phone. So even if your computer is compromised by hackers, your accounts cannot be accessed.
- ⇒ When you're finished accessing your bank accounts and other services online, make sure you actually log out – don't just close the window or tab on your browser.

### Did you give or receive a bike for Christmas?

We mentioned Bikelinc in our last newsletter but ACT Policing is reminding Canberrans about a new database that will help the public recover lost and stolen bicycles.

**Bikelinc is a community of bike-minded people helping to reduce bike theft**

**Bikelinc**  
AUSTRALIA

Bikelinc Australia is a free online platform, powered by Crime Stoppers, that enables cyclists to store images and details of their bike in a secure and easily searchable database.

Bikelinc began as a joint initiative between Crime Stoppers WA and the WA Police in late 2019. Since then, over 15,000 bikes have been registered in WA with many missing bikes safely and promptly returned. The ACT is the second jurisdiction to join the service.

ACT Policing's Officer In Charge of Community Safety, Detective Inspector Mark Rowswell said the Bikelinc initiative would deter theft and help police to return bikes to their rightful owners.

"Stolen bikes we have recovered often fail to make their way back to the original owner because they cannot be accurately identified," Detective Inspector Rowswell said.

"In the past 12 months, only 18 of the 204 bikes in the ACT Policing Exhibit Management Centre have been returned to their rightful owner, with another 24 returned to the person who found the bike. The remaining were either sold or destroyed.

"We know in recent years more Canberrans have bought bikes which is great for our community but as a result bike theft has grown by more than 25 per cent in the ACT since 2017. In 2019, 787 bikes were reported stolen.

"The new Bikelinc service will allow police to quickly match any recovered bikes with a serial number and images uploaded to the site by their owner."

**Create your Bikelinc profile today!**  
[www.bikelinc.com.au](http://www.bikelinc.com.au)



## FLOREY CRIME DATA - Nov 20 to Jan 21

Street	Assault causing ABH	Assault other	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Other property damage	Other theft	Grand Total
BAGSTER	2-Dec						1
BARNARD					12-Nov, 10-Dec		2
BOAS					7-Jan		1
BOSWELL					16-Dec		1
BOWLEY	Dec						1
COULTER			2-Jan				1
DANNEVIG		1-Nov					1
ENNOR			4-Nov				1
ENRIGHT	2-Nov	19-Nov					2
HAMBLIN					14-Jan		1
JOHN CLELAND				16-Dec			1
KESTEVEN			30-Dec	8-Nov			2
LIDGETT				16-Dec			1
MELLOR					3-Jan		1
RATCLIFFE			2-Nov, 25-Dec		10-Nov		3
SUMMERVILLE		1-Nov					1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>

Would you like to be a part of Florey Neighbourhood Watch?

Become a member today— it's free!

Email Sharon at Florey@NHWACT.com.au or phone 0402072229

### Supporting Lids4Kids - ACT Region

You can drop off your washed lids to Blackshaw Belconnen—conveniently situated at Florey shops.

A number of businesses are advertising for Blackshaw including Cesar's Café and Supa Express.

What a great community we live in! Well done Esther and Matt Sebbens of Blackshaw Belconnen!



Source: ACT Policing; Note: ABH—Actual Body Harm



### Lock an Hide to protect your ride

ACT Policing advise that car break-ins are often opportunistic crimes and it could happen to you. Even when your car is locked, it's not impossible to get

in. Offenders are less likely to break in if they can't see anything worth stealing. So take the time to lock your doors, close the windows and don't leave valuables in sight.

The first Florey NHW **Café Catchup** for the year was held on February 9. The issues discussed included:

- taking photos of your valuables to make it easier to report if necessary
- locking your car doors at night to prevent theft
- registering your bike on Bikelinc at <https://bikelinc.com.au>
- the playground at Meyrick Place playground - one of the priority areas identified in our street lighting project - will be getting new lights soon.
- NHWACT will be calling for nominations soon for its Neighbour of the Year award.



**The next Café Catchup @ Cesar's Café will be on Tuesday 16th March, 10am to 11am.**