



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mawson/Swinger Hill Jul & Aug 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>

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 technological improvements funded through the new Police Services Model, including real-time intelligence tools, body-worn cameras and mobile devices.



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.

ACT election information

From a media release published by ACT Elections on 10 Sep 2020.

The 2020 ACT Legislative Assembly election period officially began on 11 Sep, marking the start of the ACT government's caretaker period.

ACT Electoral Commissioner, Mr Damian Cantwell AM said COVID-19 safety measures meant this ACT election will be different. Early voting services have tripled, and voters are encouraged to vote early and vote safely.

The ACT has more than 99% enrolment. While people can no longer update their existing enrolment, recent legislative change means the small number of people not yet enrolled can do so right up to, and on, the final day of voting. Enrolling online ahead of time is a more efficient and COVID safe process.

The three-week voting period starts on Mon 28 Sep. ACT Elections has consulted closely with the ACT Chief Health Officer and the extended voting period is just one of many measures designed to uphold appropriate social distancing and hygiene requirements.

Fifteen early voting centres will be open every day between 28 Sep 2020 and 16 Oct 2020. 82 polling places will be open on the final day of the voting period, 17 Oct 2020.

Details of polling places for the 2020 election can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2ZT46jr>

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Distracted drivers and Vulnerable road users

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

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 Statistics

June 2020 – Five incidents

Power	Other property damage	02/06/20
Heard	Other property damage	21/06/20
Heard	Other property damage	24/06/20
Aurora	Other theft	15/06/20
Jelbart	Theft of vehicle number plates	27/06/20

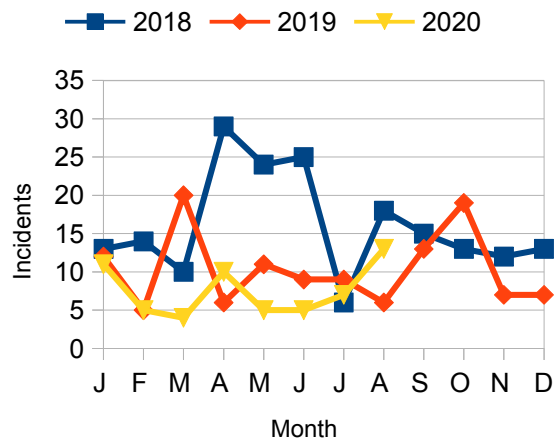
July 2020 – Seven incidents

Mawson	Assault other	04/07/20
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Shackleton	Assault other	29/07/20
Beasley	Other property damage	14/07/20
Wilkins	Other property damage	24/07/20
Aurora	Theft of vehicle number plates	04/07/20
Wilkins	Theft of vehicle number plates	24/07/20

August 2020 – 13 incidents

Du Faur	Burglary dwellings	18/08/20
Ainsworth	Motor vehicle theft	18/08/20
Enderby	Motor vehicle theft	18/08/20
Athlon	Other property damage	07/08/20
Shackleton	Other theft	08/08/20
Mawson	Other theft	14/08/20
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Mawson	Other theft	20/08/20
Mawson	Other theft	26/08/20
Wilkins	Theft of vehicle number plates	02/08/20
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Wilkins	Theft of vehicle number plates	17/08/20
Hurley	Theft of vehicle number plates	26/08/20

Monthly incident tracker



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