



January/February 2020

## PEARCE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February in the SHOUT meeting room, Pearce Community Centre from 7.30pm. We invite the Pearce community to join us for our meeting.

### **FIRE SAFETY PLANS**

We are all very aware of the very real need for a fire plan after the Bush Fire Season we are currently witnessing. Please ensure you have a plan in place for your house and family if fire were to reach our community.

Some things to consider when making your plan include:

- Turning off gas mains and bottles.
- Move flammable items away from the house.
- Have a plan for your animals and pets.
- Trim back your trees and shrubs and keep your grass short.
- Clear drains.

For more information and easy access to helpful factsheets, please visit <https://esa.act.gov.au/cbr-be-emergency-ready/bushfires>

### **ROAD SAFETY**

The ACT Policing website shows that the number of road fatalities per year in Canberra has been trending down since the year 2000. There were 6 fatalities in 2019. We have so far had 0 fatalities this year – let's keep it that way.

ACT Policing are also reminding all drivers that speeding, seatbelt and mobile use offences will all incur double demerits until the end of January. Please be mindful of this and remember to always consider your own and others safety while driving.

### **SCHOOL IS BACK**

School has returned again for 2020. Please be aware of the 40km/h speed limits in school zones weekdays between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

Please be aware of all crossings, particularly on Hodgson Crescent and Marr Place.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS**

Each year on Neighbourhood Day, which is the last Sunday in March, ACT NHW presents the Good Neighbour Award.

This award is granted to a nominee for making a positive difference to their neighbourhood; making special effort toward people around them; or supporting the community.

For more details, or to make a nomination, please visit <http://www.nhwact.com.au/>

### **DRONES**

With Christmas having just passed, some of us may have received drones as gifts. There are specific rules governing the use of these:

- You must not fly your drone more than 120 metres above the ground.

- Drones must be more than 30 metres away from other people.
- You can only fly one drone at a time.
- You must always have line-of-sight of your drone.
- Respect people's privacy and do not take videos or photos of people without their consent.
- Be aware of controlled airspace and ensure you do not fly your down in restricted areas.

#### POLICE REPORTS – DECEMBER

*Theft of Vehicle Number Plate –  
Biddlecombe St.  
Other Theft – Marr St.*

#### POLICE REPORTS – JANUARY

*Assault – Shepherd St.  
Other Theft – Collings St.  
Other Property Damage – Marr St.*

#### USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergencies (life threatening) 131444  
 000 Police Attendance (minor crimes) 1800 333 000  
 Crime Stoppers 13 22 81  
 Graffiti Hotline 13 22 81  
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