



Neighbourhood Watch

TURNER/O'CONNOR

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR



2020 has been a test of all aspects of Canberra's wellbeing like no other year. It's never been more important to **Know Your Neighbour**.

Canberra's Community Recovery has taken another step forward with the launch of the ACT Government's Know your Neighbour initiative. The initiative will see Canberrans able to drop off a Know your Neighbour card, offering contact details and help with daily tasks or even just a chat.

The Know your Neighbour cards are being distributed across Canberra in partnership between the ACT Government and Neighbourhood Watch ACT. The cards have been designed to help strengthen community networks, especially during times of crisis.

This card has been designed to support our community through various stages of physical distancing provisions and gives you options to offer assistance to your neighbour including helping them to get essential supplies like groceries, walking their dog, or you can simply use the card as a first step in reaching out to your neighbour to see how they are going.

The Know Your Neighbour cards will be distributed by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers across many Canberra suburbs and will also be available from libraries, community centres, government shopfronts and some supermarkets and cafés.

The cards are also available for download from the Connect In Canberra website at: www.communityservices.act.gov.au



ACT Policing is seeking information regarding the distribution of letters that make a number of false claims about COVID-19.

A letter was distributed to residences in Garran on Friday, 17 July 2020 and a similar letter was dropped in letterboxes along streets including Bettie McNee Street in Watson on Tuesday, 21 July 2020.

Detective Superintendent Jason Kennedy, Commander of ACT Policing's COVID-19 Taskforce said that it was important that people seek information from a trusted source.

"The ACT Government has a dedicated website containing extensive information for the public and a COVID-19 hotline (6207 7244) to address any concerns members of the community may have," Detective Superintendent Kennedy said.

"We are calling for any witnesses who may have seen someone in these areas distributing these letters. We urge residents in the Garran and Watson areas to check their CCTV or dash-cam footage for any video that may assist with this investigation."

"At this time ACT Policing is aware of these letters being distributed in two suburbs, however, anyone who has received one anywhere in the ACT should let us know about it."

Anyone with information that could assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the Crime Stoppers ACT website. Please quote reference 6578529. Information can be provided anonymously.

Crime statistics - Turner/O'Connor

| TURNER | May. 2020 | Jun. 2020 | Jul. 2020 |
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| Motor Vehicle Theft | - | - | - |
| Bicycle Theft | - | 2 | - |
| Number Plate Theft | 1 | - | 4 |
| Other Theft | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Burglary - Dwellings | - | - | 2 |
| Other Property Damage | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Assaults | - | 1 | - |

| O'CONNOR | May. 2020 | Jun. 2020 | Jul. 2020 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Motor Vehicle Theft | - | 1 | 1 |
| Bicycle Theft | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Number Plate Theft | 1 | 4 | - |
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Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 - For Police attendance: 131 444 - For emergency situations: 000

Justice Of The Peace Services Have Resumed at ACT Police Stations

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, ACT Policing can welcome back their volunteers to police stations. This means that Justice of the Peace services have resumed at all ACT Police Stations, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

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is about you, your local neighbourhood, the wider community and ACT Policing working together to establish and maintain a safer community by reporting any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to CrimeStoppers. Remember: You can report anonymously.



Hundreds of bicycles are stolen across Canberra every year. Making sure you lock your bike properly every time helps reduce the likelihood of losing it to a thief. Bike thieves are often opportunistic, if you leave your bike unlocked and unattended, even for a short time, it could be gone in seconds. Front yards, apartment balconies and car bike racks are common places for bikes to be stolen from when they aren't locked properly.

Locking your bike securely

Lock it - don't leave your bike unsecured, whether you are at home, or out and about a secured bike is much harder to steal.

Use a heavy duty lock and fasten your wheels, make it hard work for your bike to be stolen. Small locks and/or chains are easy for offenders to cut through and if your wheels aren't secured to your bike or a lock, you can lose them too - take them with you if you can't lock them. If you spend thousands on your bike or its your main mode of transport, why skimp on a lock? D-locks offer a high level of protection against bike theft. However, combining multiple locks is the best method to prevent theft. When using a D-lock, position your bike frame and wheels so that you fill as much of the space within the D portion of the lock as possible. This makes it harder for thieves to use tools to break your lock. Position the D-lock so the keyhole is facing downwards but the lock is still elevated from the ground.

Lock your frame and wheels to fixed objects like purpose-built bike racks. If you lock your bike to something that can be easily cut like a wire fence a thief can easily take your bike and lock with it. If a chain lock is loose a thief can even lift the bike up over a pole or other object.

Be smart about where you park

Park in places that are **well lit and secure**, if an offender is likely to be seen or it's hard work to get to a bike, it is a lot less tempting for a thief.

ACT Government has a range of **park and pedal options** with secure bike cages and lockers available. Find details of these options at www.transport.act.gov.au.

Recording your bike's details

Many bikes stolen in the ACT are not returned to their owners as they cannot be accurately identified. It is your responsibility to prove to police that you own a recovered bike.

The 'bike passport' can be used to keep information in one convenient location or follow these tips to help claim your bike if it is stolen:

- Many bike shops now offer to keep records of your purchase and the serial number of your bike on file.
- Record your bike's serial number. It is located under the crank shaft between the pedals.
- Take a photo of the bike so that if it is recovered it can be returned to you.
- Keep a description of your bike including any markings or characteristics that make your bike easily identifiable.
- Engrave your details on the bike.
- Use an insurance company's or other mobile application to record your property details (including your bike) electronically.

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