



Neighbourhood Watch

TURNER/O'CONNOR

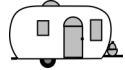
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Heading away on a caravan or camping break? Protect your property!



Before you leave:

- Check the security features on your caravan including: ID number on the chassis; Vehicle Identification Number (VIN); a good quality hitch lock; and consider fitting a safe for your valuables.
- Ensure items of value have identification marks engraved on them. This makes it easier to return the property to you if it is stolen and harder for thieves to resell them.
- Keep an inventory of all identification numbers and the serial numbers of fixtures such as microwaves and refrigerators.

At the caravan park or camping ground:

- On arrival, get to know your neighbours and keep an eye on each other's property.
- When you unpack, avoid leaving items such as eskies (especially containing alcohol), surfboards, wetsuits, bicycles and fishing gear lying about. These items are frequently targeted by thieves.
- Lock bicycles to your van or park facilities.
- Equipment left in boats can easily be stolen. Store these items securely if possible. - Valuables that are clearly visible inside a vehicle, caravan or tent can be tempting to thieves.
- Be careful where you leave mobile phones, laptop computers, cameras and handbags or wallets, so they are not easily targeted.
- Gas cylinders, BBQs, refrigerators and washing machines are also targeted by thieves. Padlock these with good quality chains and locks.
- Take your washing inside at night or when you are away from the site.
- Report suspicious activities to the park manager.
- If you don't have a safe and can't take your valuables with you, lock them out of sight or in the boot of your vehicle.
- Get into the habit of locking up when leaving your caravan, even for a short time.



Emergency + App. Re-release



Have you downloaded the emergency+ app? If so, it's time to update. If not, now is the time.

You never know where and when you may need to call emergency triple zero so the emergency+ app helps ACT Policing and the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) find where you are.

Emergency+ is an app that uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a user provide their location to emergency operators. The app can be used Australia wide and displays the user's GPS coordinates and street address, enabling users to give the emergency operator their exact location.

A new feature of the Emergency+ app is that it now incorporates the what3words service. What3words generates three words that correlate to a unique three-metre-square location anywhere in the world.

In the new version of the Emergency+ app, this information appears as three words on the user's phone. A user can say those three words to an emergency operator to describe their precise location.

Users can call supporting agencies from within the app, and if a user is unsure of which service to call, the app provides details of the services provided and links to their websites.

ACT Policing Operations Detective Acting Superintendent Stephen Ladd said location accuracy is critical information for first responders to arrive at an incident in a timely manner.

"In an emergency seconds count, and with this app someone can confirm their exact location quickly and accurately, using just three words," Detective Acting Superintendent Stephen Ladd.

"This app is particularly useful for responding to jobs where a building may have a hard to find entry, the caller is in an unfamiliar place with no identifiable landmarks or in an area without easy to read street addresses. The caller can provide the emergency operator the three words displayed on the phone, helping first responders to arrive at the job quicker."

ACT Emergency Services Agency Commissioner Georgina Whelan said that the app is a valuable tool that will assist the residents of the ACT in all types of emergencies.

"From lost bush walkers to those impacted by floods or fires, especially for those who like to explore our region, the emergency+ app will help to assist all first responders to get help to you as faster."

The Emergency+ app can be downloaded from the Apple and Google Play app stores for free.

Crime statistics - Turner/O'Connor

TURNER	Aug. 2020	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020
Motor Vehicle Theft	-	-	3
Bicycle Theft	-	1	-
Number Plate Theft	-	-	3
Other Theft	-	1	5
Burglary - Dwellings	1	3	5
Other Property Damage	2	5	2
Assaults	-	3	1

O'CONNOR	Aug. 2020	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020
Motor Vehicle Theft	-	2	2
Bicycle Theft	1	-	-
Number Plate Theft	3	-	2
Other Theft	1	1	8
Burglary - Dwellings	3	-	-
Other Property Damage	6	3	2
Assaults	1	2	-



Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 - For Police attendance: 131 444 - For emergency situations: 000



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DID YOU KNOW?

Turner was named after George Turner, KCMG; Legislator, Federalist and one of the Founders of the Constitution. Streets in Turner are mostly named after writers, legislators and pioneers.

O'Connor was named after Richard Edward O'Connor (1851-1912), who was a judge in the High Court and a founder of the Australian constitution. Street names in O'Connor are named after explorers, Australian flora, legislators and pioneers.

Bikelinc to return stolen bikes to owners

ACT Policing and ACT Region Crime Stoppers have launched a new online database that will help Canberrans recover lost and stolen bicycles.

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."

Crime Stoppers ACT Chair Diana Forrester said the new initiative would also make it easier for potential bike buyers to confirm and track a bike's history before and after a purchase.

"We have a large and enthusiastic biking community in Canberra, many with very sophisticated, expensive bikes which will be safer if they are registered with Bikelinc. It's a proven Crime Stoppers platform so the ACT community can trust that their personal information will be kept safe and secure," Ms Forrester said.

"Anyone purchasing a bike will be able to use Bikelinc to review thousands of records in real-time by simply entering a serial number to determine if a bike has been reported lost or stolen.

"Bikelinc will be a game changer for the reduction of bike theft in the ACT. The platform also includes useful information, such as what to do if you find a bike and what to do if your bike has been lost or stolen."

Pedal Power CEO, Ian Ross said all Canberra cyclists should use the online database.

"Registering your bike on Bikelinc will only take a few minutes and if it means your bike can be returned to you if it is stolen, it will be worth the effort," Mr Ross said.

"The Bikelinc platform is a free resource available to everyone in the community.

"Canberrans are reminded to always take the time to securely lock up their bike and report bike theft immediately to ACT Policing on 131 444."

Visit the Bikelinc website (<https://bikelinc.com.au>) to register your bike's details.

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