



GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Est. July 2011

Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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We have 1,200 Gordon NHW members on Facebook

News from the on-going partnership between **Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW)** and the Australian Federal Police-led **Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation**

<https://www.accce.gov.au/>

Stop Child Abuse

Trace an Object is an Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) initiative that gives everyday Australians an opportunity to provide information that could help law enforcement solve a case.

Trace an Object publishes images of objects and locations from the background of child sexual abuse images and videos, with the aim of identifying their origin. Members of the community are asked to review the images and provide information which may help identify victims and/or offenders. Images have been sanitised for public viewing to protect the victim and the viewers.

If a member of the community believes they have information about an object or location pictured, they are encouraged to submit a report to the ACCCE who will work with relevant law enforcement authorities to investigate the lead.

Originally a Europol initiative, **Trace an Object** is an investigative tool to help us generate potential leads for investigation of child sexual abuse material. The more people who view the objects, the more likely the ACCCE will be able to generate leads and ultimately result in the removal of a victim from harm and an offender brought to justice. Even the smallest pieces of information can assist our investigations.

The images can be viewed at www.accce.gov.au/trace. Information reports can be made directly to the ACCCE through the **Trace an Object** website.



Triple Zero

Emergency, police, fire
or ambulance



131 444

For police assistance



1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers



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Happily supporting the Gordon Community

Col McIntyre and his team are proud to continue to support the Gordon Neighbourhood Watch program. We have staff who live in your area, so look to your local team for all your **real estate sales** and **property management** requirements.

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From ACT Policing - WHAT IS FAMILY VIOLENCE?

Family violence occurs where a person uses violent and/or abusive behaviour to control another person who they have some type of 'family' relationship.

Domestic and family violence is an ongoing pattern of behaviour aimed at controlling a victim through fear. The term 'domestic violence', which is a form of 'family violence' is often used to refer to violence against an intimate partner or ex-partner, while 'family violence' is a broader concept and includes violence against children, older people, parents and other kin or family members.

How does the law define family violence?

The ACT Family Violence Act 2016

<https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/a/2016-42/current/PDF/2016-42.PDF> defines family violence as any of the following behaviours by a person against a family member:

- physical violence or abuse
- sexual violence or abuse
- emotional or psychological abuse economic abuse
- threatening behaviour
- coercion or controls or dominates the family member and causes them to feel fear for their safety or the safety of another family member
- causes a child to hear, witness or otherwise be exposed to the above behaviours.

Despite what is commonly believed, family violence is not limited to relationships between husbands, wives and their children.

It also includes violence between defacto couples, LGBTIQ+ relationships, intimate partners and immediate family (relatives) of those couples, including step-children and adopted children.

What can family violence look like?

Family violence may include, but is not limited to, criminal behaviours such as:

- assault (slapping, punching, kicking, grabbing, pushing)
- threats to physically harm a person
- confining a person against their will
- sexual assault
- child abuse or neglect
- behaviour that causes a child to hear, witness or otherwise be exposed to family violence
- damage to another person's property
- stalking
- harm to a person's pet or threats to harm.

Behaviours which are considered family violence but may not be a criminal offence in the absence of a relevant protection order include:

- harassing or intimidating behaviour
- verbal or emotional abuse (name calling, humiliation, making another person feel worthless, insults) financial abuse (withholding and/or controlling finances).

Family violence Support Services

No one should have to cope with family violence alone. If you have been involved in family violence or know someone who has, we encourage you make use of the services available.

Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) can provide support 24/7 to those in the community who are impacted by domestic and family violence, including those who are at risk of using violence. They can provide crisis intervention and telephone support, access to safe accommodation, legal advocacy, safety planning and referrals. Phone: 6280 0900 Open: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The **Legal Aid ACT** Family Violence Unit is open and available by telephone to anyone who needs legal advice or assistance regarding family violence or related family law issues. This includes representation in the ACT Magistrates Court (by phone) to obtain Family Violence Orders. LegalAids Community Liaison Team is also available for assistance with family violence related support, including social worker, men's worker, cultural liaison officers and Aboriginal support officers.

Phone: 1300 654 314 Open: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The **Canberra Rape Crisis Centre** provides a crisis counselling line, Indigenous community support, counselling to victims and their families, and community education programs. Counselling, crisis appointments and advocacy appointments are available on the phone, without police involvement.

A 24-hour callout service to police and forensic services is open for those wishing to report sexual assault. Phone: 6247 2525 Open: 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week.

Beryl Women Inc provides supported crisis accommodation to women with dependent children who are escaping family violence.

Victim Support ACT provides counselling, court support and advocacy services to victims of crime, including family violence. Phone: 6205 2222 Email: victimssupportintake@act.gov.au, Open: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

SupportLink provide follow up care for victims of family violence in non-crisis situations and can help people access other support services on a range of issues.

Women's Services Network support the women's specialist services sector that care for women and children fleeing violence. They also provide advice on how to stay safe online.

eSafetyWomen is designed to empower Australian women to take control of their online experiences.

What can you do? is a website designed to give you information on identifying family violence, what you can do to help and how you can speak out to stop the violence (including sexual violence) from occurring. Information is available for individuals, family and friends, workers and professionals as well as employers and workplaces.

EveryManAustralia (formerly Canberra Men's Centre) provides counselling, crisis support, outreach services, information and referral to men with complex needs, including family violence.

Call Connect and Support on 0479 018 021 to speak to a Violence Prevention worker.

YWCA provides counselling, support and legal assistance.

1800 RESPECT provides support for those experiencing sexual, domestic and family violence via phone or web chat. Phone: 1800 RESPECT (737 732), Web chat, Open: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Department of Home Affairs – Information for temporary visa holders

Temporary visa holders experiencing domestic and family violence can contact the Department of Home Affairs' specialist Domestic and Family Violence Support team

<https://immi/homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/domestic-family-violence-and-your-visa>

who can then provide further advice on whether the visa holder is eligible for specific "family violence provisions". Importantly, a person who commits domestic and family violence cannot cancel your visa.

Thank you! The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to the following for their continued invaluable support.

McIntyre Property (Col McIntyre)

For generously sponsoring the printing of the Gordon NHW Newsletter.

Newsletter Deliverers

Without your significant voluntary contributions we simply would not be able to deliver the Newsletter to the post boxes of the more than the 3,000 residents of Gordon.

It is important to note that Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters are classified by the ACT Government as 'Community Information' and therefore are able to be delivered to all letter boxes regardless of notices to the contrary on any particular letterbox. However, should a resident expressly ask a Deliverer not to deliver the Newsletter then we will abide by the complainant's request. In order to facilitate this, the complainants address will be required.

AN EXCERPT OF CRIME STATISTICS

A = assault. **AO** = assault other. **AR** = arson. **B** = burglary. **BT** = Bicycle theft. **CD** = criminal damage. **GBH** = grievous bodily harm. **MVT** = motor vehicle theft. **N** = number plate theft. **OT** = other theft. **PD** = property damage. **ST** = shop stealing.

TALLON	AO	01/11/25	TALLON	AO	12/01/26
KNOKE	AO	29/11/25	POINT HUT	AO	24/01/26
WOODCOCK	MVT	27/11/25	SHEAN	MVT	24/01/26
MCCARTEN	BT	01/11/25	SCULLY	PD	09/01/26
			SHERWOOD	PD	11/01/26
			BENSTEAD	PD	14/01/26
MINNETT	AO	08/12/25	WOODCOCK	PD	24/12/25
DARCY	AO	29/12/25	CLEM HILL	PD	07/01/26
KANGA	B	05/12/25			
VIOLET GROVER	N	20/12/25	CLARE DENNIS	AO	13/02/26
HICKENBOTHAM	OT	12/12/25	MATSON	B	08/02/26
DARCY	OT	14/12/25	WOODFULL	PD	27/02/26
LOTT	AR	05/12/25			
TALLON	PD	29/12/25	STACE	GBH	11/03/26
SCARFE	PD	15/12/25	MCGILVRAY	AO	02/03/26
CHIPPERFIELD	PD	12/12/25	JIM PIKE	N	01/01/26
			REVELL	OT	02/03/26
			KNOKE	PD	04/03/26

Little Luxton

Little Luxton is your friendly neighbourhood cafe in Gordon. Located within the Gordon Community Centre, one dollar from every coffee supports local community programs (currently around \$150,000 and counting). Enjoy locally roasted coffee, fresh pastries, and toasted sandwiches.

Open Monday to Friday from 7am til 2pm, and Saturday from 8am til 12pm.

Newsletter Deliverers always welcome!

Approximately one hour of your time every 2 to 3 months is all it takes to contribute positively to your local community. For further information, contact us at: gordon@nhwact.org.au

Gordon Neighbourhood Watch Committee

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The aims of Neighbourhood Watch: To help people to protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the risk of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers and by fostering a friendly community spirit.