



GORDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Est. July 2011

Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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We have 908 Gordon NHW members on Facebook

In response to feedback from residents we remind **CYCLISTS** of how to share roads and paths & the **RULES**

Riding on shared paths and footpaths

In the ACT, a cyclist may ride on shared paths and footpaths. When doing so, a cyclist **MUST** keep to the left and **MUST** give way to pedestrians. This means pedestrians are **NOT OBLIGED** to move out of the way of a bike approaching from behind, even if the cyclist rings their bell or calls out. As a general rule, and common courtesy, cyclists **SHOULD** ride off the footpath to pass pedestrians.

Any person on a bike **MUST**:

- wear an approved, properly fitted and securely fastened helmet at all times
- have at least one effective brake and a warning device such as a bell or horn
- have a front white light and red rear light, both visible for at least 200m, if riding in the dark or in poor light conditions
- have a red rear reflector.

On-road bike lanes

If a bicycle lane exists, an on-road cyclist must ride in the lane provided, unless it is impracticable to do so. Examples where it may be impracticable to ride in a bike lane include if there is debris, potholes, overgrown vegetation and other hazards.

Sometimes these hazards may not be apparent to drivers of motorised vehicles. Cyclists should beware that motorists may not anticipate a cyclist moving out of a bike lane to avoid such hazards.

Cycling two abreast

It is legal to ride two abreast in the ACT. This includes situations where one rider may be inside and the other outside of a dedicated bike lane; and instances where there are no bike lanes and both riders are in the regular lane of traffic. When riding two abreast, riders must not be more than 1.5 metres apart and should exercise consideration and courtesy for other road users.

Stop signs and traffic lights

Cyclists riding on roads have the same rights and responsibilities as other road users. This requires cyclists to stop at stop signs and at yellow and red lights. On approaching an intersection with a yellow light, if a rider can stop safely before reaching the intersection, they must do so. If it is not possible to stop safely due to speed and approach distance, the cyclist should continue through the intersection, taking necessary caution. If the intersection has a dividing strip, safety zone or traffic island forming an area set aside for bike riders, a bike rider should proceed to reach this area and then await the next green light to safely complete the crossing.



Triple Zero

Emergency, police, fire
or ambulance



131 444

For police assistance



1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers



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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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Local artist, Tracy Hall, makes her mark to stamp out illegal graffiti in Gordon

Tracy Hall is a local graphic designer and artist who has been painting a mural on fences along Woodcock Drive, opposite the junction with Jim Pike Avenue in Gordon. An initiative brought about after community comments about the ever growing amount of criminal graffiti in the area. The idea has been met with positivity and support by local people - a way of changing an eyesore into something eye catching.

Once Tracy received permission from the homeowners and the ACT Government, she was able to design and paint the first section of fencing, and has now been granted approval to continue the Brindabella Australian scene along three sections of adjoining fencing. Once completed, the mural will be around 75 metres long.

Each section of the mural has been funded through an ACT Government grant organised by Caitlin Tough MLA and an online Go-Fund-Me page to cover the cost of paint and other necessary items. If anyone wishes to donate, please Google, Go-Fund-Me and search for Gordon Fence Mural.

Tracy, a local Gordon resident, stated that community support has been amazing, and wishes to thank and express her appreciation to all who have donated.

Tracy will press on with the mural over the coming weeks, continuing the Brindabella Mountain theme, complete with a range of flora and fauna. Tracy said she is always happy for people to stop by whilst she's painting and say hello or toot their horn as they go past in support of the mural. In conclusion, Tracy states "Remember, street art is for everyone – it's an outdoor 24/7 exhibition that can be experienced and appreciated anytime."

From the Editor; "Unauthorised graffiti in plain English is vandalism and therefore illegal i.e. a criminal offence. Graffiti is **NOT** street art."

Anyone with information that could assist police identify, arrest and charge the perpetrators of these types of criminal activities should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the Crime Stoppers ACT website.



Above is a photograph of Tracy next to her fabulous artwork. On behalf of the residents of Gordon, a big thank you to Tracy for the time and effort she has spent on the mural. Section three of the mural will commence soon.

Bin assistance

Eligible ACT residents who live in a property that is a single-unit dwelling where no one is physically able to take their bin(s) to the kerbside for collection due to chronic illness, frail age or disability can apply for bin assistance.

Who is eligible?

ACT residents who live in a single unit dwelling where no one is physically able to take their bin(s) to the kerbside for collection due to chronic illness, frail age or disability can apply for assistance. If an able-bodied person lives at the premises, you will not be eligible for this service. ACT NoWaste may require medical or other information to support your application and reserves the right to withdraw or refuse assistance. If you live in a multi-unit development, including an apartment building or townhouse, talk with your Strata Manager, Executive Committee or Body Corporate about how they can support you to take your bins out.

How it works

On the scheduled collection day the collection contractor will retrieve the bin from the designated area, empty it, and return the bin to the designated area. This is a free service for eligible people. Wheeled bin assistance can be requested for a specific period or indefinitely. ACT NoWaste will review all assistance requests as required.

To ensure the best possible service, please ensure:

- the bins are easily accessible and
- are not located behind gates, inside a garage etc.
- there are no obvious safety hazards
- the bins are not overloaded
- pets are restrained.

If you have difficulties wheeling your bin out to the kerb, you may be able to access a free assistance service. Complete the **wheeled bin assistance form** - <https://www.wsms.act.gov.au/bins/s/srequest-wheeled-bin-assistant> - if you require assistance with placing your landfill, recycling and/or garden organics (lime green-lidded bin) on the kerb on your scheduled bin collection day.

How to apply

If you meet the eligibility criteria of living in a single-unit dwelling and have difficulties wheeling your bin out to the kerb, you may be able to access a free assistance service. Complete the **wheeled bin assistance form** - <https://www.wsms.act.gov.au/bins/s/srequest-wheeled-bin-assistant> - if you require assistance with placing your landfill, recycling and/or garden organics (lime green-lidded bin) on the kerb on your scheduled bin collection day.

Support

If you would prefer to lodge a bin assistance request over the phone, or if you require assistance using this form, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81. A **quick reference guide** -

https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1566624/WSMS-Request-Wheeled-Bin-Assistance-QRG.pdf - is also available to help you complete this form.

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.

JIM PIKE	AO	04/11/24
KNOKE	AO	04/11/24
SAWICKI	AO	09/11/24
BARDEN	B	04/11/24
CHIPPERFIELD	B	26/11/24
MINA WYLIE	OT	02/11/24
SHEAN	PD	15/11/24
BUSHBY	PD	22/11/24

POPPLEWELL	GBH	09/03/24
BEAUFORT	GBH	23/03/24
KNOKE	AO	14/03/24
OXENHAM	AO	25/03/24
JIM PIKE	MVT	04/03/24
WOODCOCK	MVT	13/03/24
BEAUFORT	N	14/03/24
POINT HUT	OT	16/03/24
CLEEVE	PD	19/03/24
FAVELL	PD	24/03/24
HICKENBOTHAM	PD	29/03/24

HANSEL	GBH	09/12/24
WOODCOCK	AO	05/12/24
WOODCOCK	AO	20/12/24
SCARFE	AO	26/01/24
KNOKE	B	03/01/24

Little Luxton is your friendly neighbourhood cafe in Gordon.

Nate and the team are locals who care about building community and serving people well. Along with your coffee you can get fresh pastries and treats from Three Mills Bakery and Sonoma. Or for something more substantial there are toasted sandwiches and sausage rolls. One dollar from every coffee sold goes to support local community programs. As of **27 February 2025 \$94,554** has been raised. There is space for children to play, and toilet / change facilities. **Little Luxton is open Monday to Friday from 7am - 2pm, as well as Saturday from 8am - 12 noon.**

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.