

# Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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## STOLEN CARS

ACT Policing is reminding Canberrans to lock their homes and secure their car keys, as more than 140 cars have been stolen this year. Since 1 January police have received 147 stolen motor vehicle reports – with the majority taken after offenders gained access to car keys via unlocked homes.

Thieves are entering homes via unlocked doors and windows or through internal doors from garages. Easy to locate items including bags, wallets, phones and car keys are then stolen. In many instances the car at the residence is also taken at this time

“People should lock their homes and secure their keys to make it harder for thieves to operate” said Detective Inspector Elizabeth Swain. “If you have a car worth \$40,000, you should consider your car keys as also being worth \$40,000. Please make sure keys are stored in a secure place in your home and that all doors

and windows are locked when you are not there, as well as overnight. Modern cars are not easy to steal without the keys - so criminals have adapted their actions to get those keys.

“We are also aware that some insurance companies are denying claims where homes are not locked, and car keys and cars are taken.

“We are doing our best to apprehend these offenders – with some people being arrested and charged multiple times this year for vehicle theft and burglary. But we need every resident to do their bit to make it as hard as possible for these thieves.”

Anyone who has information about people stealing vehicles is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the [Crime Stoppers ACT website](#). Information can be provided anonymously.

**Emergency** 000  
**Attendance** 131 444  
**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000  
**Inquiries** 6256 7777

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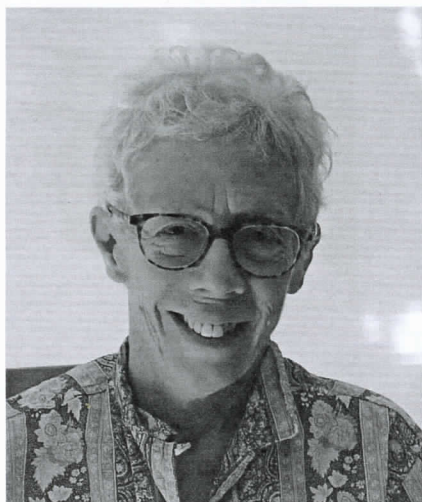
### Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 28 March 2025



## HACKETT PROFILE

Nicki Mazur



Nicki was born in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Her family home was just over the Hudson River from New York City, so the family could reach Long Island in a short ferry ride or car trip.

The family had a beach house at Amagansett, on the Atlantic side of Long Island. Her mother loved the beach, and all school holidays were spent there. Nicki and her sisters would have horse-riding lessons once a week. When public riding stables were built nearby, Nicki could go horse riding from home too; she could get riding lessons in exchange for cleaning out stables. She was at the stables after school and in the holidays.

She took a degree in Psychology and Social Work at Syracuse University. On completing her degree she worked two years as a groom on the show-jumping circuit. She couldn't see this as a lifetime job, so worked at the American Horse Shows Association, an advertising company (whilst here she would earn extra money by working through the night plaiting horses' manes - \$25 a horse) and a company selling horse-riding gear.

She still felt unsatisfied; then a talk with a Australian customer at the shop in 1988 inspired her to take a 3-month holiday in Australia. She enjoyed her visit, and on her return to America searched for a way to return. She took a Master's degree in Environmental Studies at Adelaide University. For her thesis, she spent time at the Adelaide Zoo analysing visitors' reactions to the Zoo. Four years study for a PhD followed, showing how zoos across Australia operate.

At the University she met her future husband Michael, who was also taking a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies. They came to Canberra, renting in Hackett, Nicki with a 1-year post-doctoral position at the ANU, Michael in the Environment Department in the Federal Government. Over the years Michael worked in the Public Service on environment, water policy, and finally climate control. Nicki worked for the Agricultural Department Research Bureau on a

Social Science program for 2 years, then moved out to be a freelance worker; projects have involved fisheries, environmental studies and animal welfare.

In 2002 they bought their current house in Hackett. During renovations, the architect noticed photographs of Nicki showjumping, which led to an invitation for her to come riding at a friend's horse farm. Nicki had soon bought an ex-racehorse, training and riding it for over three years. Next she bought Andy; she rode and competed with him for the next 11 years. Seeking a horse better suited to dressage she then bought a German riding pony, Albie, who she broke in with professional help.

She considers 2023 the year that she retired; but she still takes on some projects. She sits on the Research Advisory Board, assists PhD students, and helps the ACT's Conservation Council with its research. She is Vice-President of the National Capital Equestrian Club, that runs four competitions in Canberra each year, involving riders from the ACT region. She rides her horse, stabled at Murrumbateman, 5 or 6 days a week, and competes in the NSW area in dressage.

Michael retired from the Public Service when he turned 55. He loved sailing as a teenager with his father and has sailed around and beyond Australia since then. He is now a member of the Canberra Ocean Racing Club, that has its own boat to be rented by members. He frequently goes ocean sailing and has delivered boats to the Whitsundays and to New Zealand. Sometimes Nicki comes sailing with him, sometimes he joins Nicki at horse-riding events.

## ONLINE REPORTING OF CRIME

ACT Police now allow some online reporting.  
When to use the online reporting form

Only to report property damage and vandalism that has occurred in the ACT.

A person must have intentionally destroyed or damaged property belonging to someone else. For stolen property or unlawful entry phone 131 444. If family violence is involved phone 131 444 or Triple Zero

What you will need

To be over 13 years of age and report in English  
A current email address and mobile phone number

What to expect

ACT Policing will respond within 2 days.

If the report is accepted, you will be given a case number and a police officer will speak to you.

If no further action will be taken you will be provided with the reason.



**CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS January 2025**

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie	4	1	1	1			1		6	14
Campbell			1	1			3		2	7
Dickson	1		1	2	10		9		8	31
Downer	1	1					3		3	8
<b>Hackett</b>									<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Lyneham	3	2	6	2		2	13		6	34
O'Connor	2	1					3		5	11
Reid	3	1	1				1		2	8
Turner			4	1			4		5	14
Watson		1	2	2		3	4		5	17

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Property damage	Rivett Street	25 December			

**FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA**

**Third Sunday working bee 16 March 9am - noon, North Watson**

Autumn means it's time to treat deciduous woody weeds. We will remove Briar Rose and Hawthorn growing in the nature park close to the Federal Highway.

Meet at the entrance to the nature reserve at Tay and Ian Nicol Streets, North Watson. Please be on time to join us on the walk to the site. Wear clothes which cover your limbs and sturdy shoes; bring drinking water, sunscreen and garden gloves if you have them. We provide tools, gloves and a delicious home-made cake for morning tea. No experience necessary – all welcome.

More information at <https://majura.org>

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Increased traffic through Hackett** Have you noticed an increase in cars passing through Hackett on weekday mornings 7-9am? It would appear more cars are coming off Antill St into Madigan and then driving through to Phillip Avenue, or short cutting via Maitland St to access Majura Avenue. This could be due to drivers wanting to avoid Northbourne Avenue and redevelopment around City Hill associated with the light rail extension? Let us know via our email [info@hackett.asn.au](mailto:info@hackett.asn.au)

**Thank you** The Committee recently acknowledged the contribution made by two of our long serving members – Bruce Smith who joined the committee in 2004 and Kay Murphy who joined in 2011. Thank you to both for making such a wonderful contribution to the work of the HCA to help improve our suburb.

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