

Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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VULNERABLE ROAD USERS IN THE ACT

Last month the newsletter detailed the legal position of cyclists in the ACT.

This month's newsletter covers the issue of vulnerability of road users in the ACT.

The ACT Government now has a policy of "protecting and supporting vulnerable road users", listing them in order of increasing vulnerability as motor cyclists, bicycles and pedestrians. These are described as vulnerable because they do not benefit from the level of crash protection that is provided for other road users. In 2019, cyclists and pedestrians accounted for almost 20% of all road trauma casualties reporting to ACT hospitals.

Drivers have an obligation to care for vulnerable road users. And each vulnerable group has an obligation to care for those more vulnerable than themselves.

For example, drivers should exercise care whenever sharing the road with a cyclist, and anticipate that the cyclist may need to respond to on-road hazards, such as situations where the cycle lane ceases to exist. Similarly cyclists should exercise care of pedestrians met on a shared path.

Thanks to Chris Short for his input

ACT Road Rules Handbook

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Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 23 May 2025

DELIVERING THE HACKETT NHW NEWSLETTER

Because of illness and the departure from Hackett of some of our volunteers, we are again looking for people willing to join in the monthly delivery of newsletters to Hackett residents. Each volunteer is only asked to deliver the newsletters to 25 – 30 homes. If you feel that you could volunteer, please contact our Chair Jude Bowman; her phone number and email address are given above.

HACKETT PROFILE

BARBARA CREASER



Barbara, born in 1931, grew up in Chadderton, now a suburb of Manchester, England. She remembers walking to school, walking home for the midday meal, the main meal of the day, then walking

1 kilometer back to school. Any homework, then the evening meal, High Tea. There were regular holidays to stay in a boarding house at the seaside in Lancashire. When all the mills closed for a week in summer, many families took their annual holiday at the seaside.

Barbara was 8 years old when World War 2 broke out. She remembers spending hours in air raid shelters, she remembers seeing the skyline of Manchester burning. People had ration books, that covered food and clothing. Barbara helped her aunt, who owned a shop, with the detailed job of marking up the ration books. Fruitlike oranges and bananas disappeared for the duration of the war.

Barbara attended the local primary school then, after successfully passing the 11-plus exam, attended Chadderton Grammar, a coeducational school taking students from a wide area. She met her future husband, Bill, when Grammar students attended a Marine Biology course on the Isle of Mann. In the school holidays she worked with the Cooperative Holiday Association. The Association provided holidays for working class people; for six weeks Barbara performed domestic duties in one of their houses.

After finishing school Barbara attended Kings College, Household and Social Science, in London to take a degree. She found life in London a revelation – she remembers paying one and sixpence and sitting in the Gods (the high, cheap seats) to watch Laurence Olivier performing.

Bill obtained a scholarship to Cambridge when he finished school, but it was deferred for two

years; he was conscripted into the Air Force and served in Egypt at the time of the Suez Canal dispute. On his return he and Barbara married and moved to Cambridge, where Bill obtained a degree in Natural Science and then a PhD in Biochemistry. Barbara worked initially, then retired for the birth of their first child. Bill took a one year position at the Carnegie Institute in Washington DC. Next he worked at the McGill Montreal Research Institute in Canada for 4 years. Barbara was at home with two young children and found it hard work taking them out in winter with temperatures below freezing.

The family moved back to England when Bill became a senior lecturer with Professor Catcheside at Birmingham University. Professor David Catcheside was at that time Professor of Microbiology at the University of Birmingham, forming a research group in the new field of molecular biology. When he was appointed the Founding Director the new Research School of Biochemistry at the ANU, Bill came to Australia as an RSBS Senior Fellow. The family stayed at first in a university apartment in Hackett, then bought a house in Mackenzie Street. They moved to a smaller home in Hackett after their children left home.

Bill retired in 1994. The family had enjoyed regular camping trips around Australia. After retirement, Bill and Barbara travelled widely; around Australia and then to France, Spain, Turkey and the Greek islands. Bill was a keen photographer and gardener. He died in 2024. Barbara now enjoys living quietly at home. Her family is very important to her; her children are very supportive, and she has great pleasure in seeing her grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NEIGHBOURS EVERY DAY 2025

Launched by Relationships Australia, this campaign aims to tackle the growing issue of loneliness across Australia. Nick Tebbey of Relationships Australia says “Our research shows that 1 in 3 Australians report feeling lonely, with over 15% saying that they often or always feel lonely. Young people aged 18 – 24 were the most likely to be in this category’.

Neighbours Every Day provides tools, resources, and reasons to reach out and grow belonging.

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CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS March 2025

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie	2	1		1		1	3		5	13
Campbell		1					2			3
Dickson	9	2	1	2	20		6		4	44
Downer	2	1	1				2		1	7
Hackett		1					1		2	4
Lyneham	1	2		3		2	5		7	20
O'Connor	1					1	2		4	8
Reid	3	1					1			5
Turner		4	3	5			4		8	24
Watson	4			1			8		2	15

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Property damage	Maitland Street	2 March	Other theft	Selwyn Street	20 March
Property damage	Hedley Street	19 March	Burglary dwellings	Hedley Street	21 March

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Third Sunday working party: direct seeding native grasses

When: 18 May 1-4pm

Where: Meet at the Nature Park entrance, Tay and Ian Nicol Streets, North Watson.

What: We will scarify the soil with small mattocks, spread seeds and scatter light mulch. All welcome, no experience necessary. This activity is suitable for children.

Bring: Sun protection, drinking water, garden gloves if you have them. We provide gloves, tools and a delicious home made cake for afternoon tea.

More information and a map www.majura.org.

Spotlight walk on *Friday May 9th or Saturday 10th*, meet at 5pm. BYO torch.

We'll walk on gravel tracks on Mt Majura's lower slopes. More details after you book. Places limited, bookings essential: Email FoMMnaturewalks@gmail.com. Enquiries welcome.

Please bring a gold coin donation.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next meeting on *Tuesday 13 May* at 7.30pm by Zoom. If you would like to participate please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au.

NHW ACT MEMBERS' FORUM

A members' forum was held last month, with our Hackett Chair Jude Bowman acting as Interim Chairman

One issue raised was NHW ACT membership. Currently there are 25 NHW groups and a membership list of over 2500

Another issue was back-capturing issues of all NHW newsletters back as far as 2016. Hackett newsletters go back further than that. Hackett NHW has produced newsletters ever since the year following the formation of NHW ACT in 1985

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