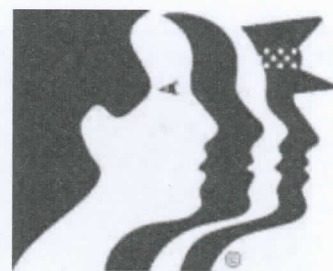


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NHWACT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for NHW ACT will be held on 14 October at Southern Cross Club Woden, commencing at 7pm. Registration is essential.

The positions vacant will be:

President
Vice President North
Secretary
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Members wishing to nominate for vacant positions on the Board of Management must do so in writing 14 days prior to the AGM.

Completed nominations should be emailed to secretary@nhwact.org.au by close of business **Tuesday 30 September** 1.

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Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 26 September

If you wish to attend the AGM, email secretary@nhwact.org.au by close of business **Tuesday 7 October 2025**, indicating whether you will be attending in person or via on-line streaming services. Once your registration is confirmed, you will be sent a meeting request with relevant documents attached.

HACKETT NHW SURVEY

Thanks to those who have responded to the survey included in last month's newsletter. The responses are being considered by the committee. Information about the actions to be taken in response to the issues raised will be included in the November newsletter.

If you have not yet sent in your response, the box inside IGA where responses can be posted will remain at the IGA for some weeks.

HACKETT PROFILE

Kay Murphy



Kay was born at the old Canberra Hospital, but her family lived in Queanbeyan. Her grandfather had a farm near Michelago, and as a child she

loved the open spaces. She attended Queanbeyan Primary School until the family moved to Canberra, when she transferred to St. Christopher's School (the first Catholic school in Canberra, opposite the site where St. Christopher's Cathedral now stands; it existed until other Catholic schools were built in Canberra). Her secondary education was at Canberra Catholic Girls High School, now Merici, where she was one of the first pupils.

She began nursing training at Canberra Hospital – a three-year live-in course. But when she needed to become her mother's carer she could not live at the hospital, so was unable to complete the course.

She married in 1967, and she and her husband moved into Hackett. They had three sons. After 10 years not working, she took a part-time job at Canberra Aged Care Home in Lyneham. Kay realized that she was very attracted to working with the elderly, and after some years she took a course in Diversional Therapy. She is now still working at the Home.

Kay became President of the Hackett Preschool Parents and Friends Association when her first son started at the Preschool. The committee wished to raise funds for the Preschool and asked the Hackett School if they would join them in staging an Art and Craft Exhibition. Four mums from the Preschool, becoming firm friends, organized the Exhibition, which was highly successful. The next year, with the children moving from Preschool onto Hackett School and Rosary School, Rosary School was asked to join the

other two organizations in running an Exhibition and they happily agreed. This led to further cooperation between them in Health Education. Other schools followed in establishing Art Shows. Kay moved on to run an Art Show at Daramalan College. Hackett Art Show ended when the Hackett school was closed.

A friend asked Kay if she would help at the Hackett Party at the Shops, organised by the Hackett Community Association to celebrate Hackett turning 40. It was a great party. Kay ran the raffle, and found that all Hackett businesses responded generously to her request for donations. She has run a raffle at all the subsequent Hackett Parties at the Shops. Music in the Park, held annually for many years in the Bragg Street Park, was another event that she felt provided an opportunity to strengthen community friendships.

Kay remembers when the Hackett shops included a butcher, a doctor, a pharmacy, a hairdresser, a newsagent and the Owl supermarket. There were tennis courts over the road from the shops. Kay was an enthusiastic tennis player – as a child piano lessons were happily replaced by tennis lessons. She lives now with one of her sons, enjoys many friendships, has four grandchildren, and sees the value of efforts to enhance community connections.

BEV HOGG STUDIO SALE

Each year Bev Hogg holds a sale of her art works. This year she will be joined by Kaye Pemberton and Annie Trevillian, for a sale of ceramics and textiles

The sale will be at 8 Brennan St. Hackett, on Saturday 1 November 10am – 4pm.

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving begins on Sunday 5 October. At 2pm clocks will be set forward one hour.

A useful aid for remembering how to adjust your clock:

Spring forward,
Fall back

CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS August 2025

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie	2	1			2		1		1	7
Campbell		1	1				2			4
Dickson	8	1		2	18	1	10		5	45
Downer	1	2		2					1	6
Hackett									1	1
Lyneham	1	4		1		1	9		3	19
O'Connor	1	1	2	1		1	6		1	13
Reid	2		1	1			4			8
Turner				2			1		3	6
Watson	1	2		1		1	3		6	14

Offence	Street	Date
Property damage	Madigan Street	30 August

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Spring wildflower walk Sunday 12 October 2-4 pm

Meet at the park entrance in Mackenzie Street, near Grayson Street, Hackett. Michael Doherty will lead the walk through grassy woodlands on Mount Majura's lower slopes. Wear sturdy shoes; bring sun protection, drinking water and a gold coin donation for an updated species list

Spotlight walks Saturday 18 October 7.30 to 9.30pm

Join a 2 hour guided walk on a moonlit night to look for nocturnal animals along tracks on the lower slopes of Mount Majura, near Hackett. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a charged torch (head or handheld) and a gold coin donation. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential at FoMMnaturewalks@gmail.com

Third Sunday Working Bee 19 October 9am – 12noon

Meeting at the nature park entrance, Tay and Ian Nicol Sts, North Watson, to weed, mulch or seed at The Fair. Bring sun protection, drinking water and gardening gloves if you have them. We provide gloves, tools, buckets, grass seeds. And a cake for morning tea.

We will use small mattocks to loosen soil and remove any weeds like Paterson's Curse, then spread native grass seeds and cover with a light scatter of mulch to hold the seeds in place. This activity is suitable for children.

For more information and a map see majura.org

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Defibrillator for the Hackett shops Service One Mutual Ltd (credit union) developed the 'Streetbeat' program to install life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) publicly available 24/7 across the ACT. AEDs can be used when someone (young to elderly) is having a sudden cardiac arrest.

As advised in the September newsletter, the HCA has reached its target to have one installed at the shops. The HCA recently met with the Streetbeat program and an ACT Government officer and agreed to have the AED installed outside the IGA store on the paved area. Installation should be sometime in October, followed by an opening event at which we will have St John Ambulance Australia to show how to use it – they also have a 30 minute online workshop about how to use the AED. If you would like to attend the opening event or want more information about the workshop please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au

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