

Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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Neighbourhood Watch ACT (NHW ACT) is a community-led safety and awareness crime prevention program. Its objectives are to increase safety and security and instil a sense of quality of life for everyone by promoting closer neighbourhood ties, and by sharing ideas and disseminating information.

Hackett Neighbourhood Watch was established in the mid 1980's. Since then a monthly newsletter for residents has been printed and distributed thanks to a dedicated band of volunteers. The newsletter is the main way in which we stay in touch with the local community and disseminate information. We thank the many businesses who have advertised in our newsletter over the years. Their financial contributions cover the costs of printing.

The content and format of the newsletter has changed over time and it is timely to review our newsletter arrangement.

The newsletter is delivered to all letterboxes each month and is also available on the NHWACT website.

We are seeking your feedback about the newsletter to ensure it continues to meet the objectives of Neighbourhood Watch ACT and the needs of the local community. Your assistance in completing the survey included in this newsletter and returning it to the dedicated returns box set up in the Hackett NHW stand at Hackett IGA would be appreciated.

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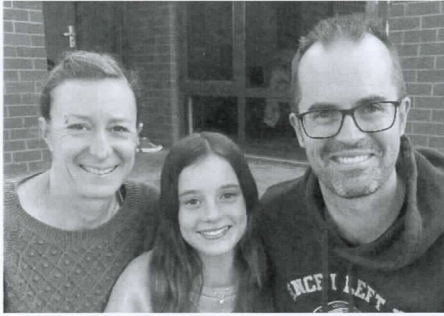
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Deadline for next newsletter
Friday 26 September

HACKETT PROFILE

ANDREW BENOY



Andrew was born in Adelaide. His family home was on 2 acres in the

Adelaide foothills. His parents covered the property with trees and Andrew remembers helping them in the garden listening to the magpies.

He came the ANU to take a degree in International Relations and Asian History. On completion in 1999 he went to China for six months, taking a job teaching English at a university in a small Chinese town that he found through the Chinese Foreign Experts Bureau. Whilst there he became the second person at the University to get an internet connection. Students came to his home to learn about this new technology (in a visit two years later he found Internet Cafes everywhere).

Back in Australia, he joined a graduate program of the ACT Government in the Community Health Department. One job was to help the Department set up its website. Next he moved to Melbourne, to the Monash University's International division, part of a consulting service assisting Monash academics to work in international development services.

Andrew then spent 3 years in Cambodia, working for an American NGO where he set up an anti-corruption campaign called Clean Hands. Stickers showing a white hand on a blue background were spread through Cambodia, schools were visited, and more, trying to raise awareness of the widespread corruption that was occurring throughout the country. In Cambodia he met Anthea, his future partner. Anthea grew up in regional Victoria and studied Economics at Melbourne University. She worked at Treasury before coming to Cambodia, where she was with an Australian Government project for improving rice seed varieties. The Australian Government invested in rice research, and in cooperatives to sell the improved rice. The

project succeeded in spreading improved rice strains throughout the country.

Andrew and Anthea travelled for a year, from Beijing to Istanbul. Backpacking, travelling by train or bus, they travelled through Iran, Syria and Jordan finding people incredibly friendly; in Iran people would frequently invite them into their homes.

They returned to Australia in 2008. Anthea worked with the Federal Productivity Commission. Andrew wanted to try working in a commercial area after his time with NGOs, and studied for an MBA at Monash University. He joined a management consulting company called the Nous Group. Their daughter Evelyn was born in 2012. In 2016 the family moved to Canberra, Anthea taking a position in the Department of Industry, and later moving to a senior role in Treasury. Andrew moved to the Canberra office of Nous Group; now he is head of the office.

Initially the family lived in a rented home in Hackett. After three one-year leases, they decided to buy their own home here. Recently taking long service leave, they travelled extensively, through South Africa (driving through Kruger Park), Greece, Saudi Arabia (they visited Medina, newly opened to non-Muslims) and Oman.

Evelyn attended North Ainslie Primary School and is now in her first year at Merici. The family like living near the mountain – Anthea enjoys running there. She and Andrew both ride to work. Andrew is restructuring the garden to include only native plants and attract more birds and animals. He has a current problem – kangaroos are jumping over his newly-constructed 3-foot wire back fence, eating all that Andrew and Evelyn have lovingly planted.

NATIONAL SECURE YOUR HOME DAY 27-28 September

Brought to you by Neighbourhood Watch Australasia to encourage you to harden your security and reduce your risk of being a crime target.

If you register, a free National Secure Your Home Day Kit will be sent to you in early September. The kit provides a home security checklist and suggested security measures

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CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS July 2025

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie			1			2	3		3	9
Campbell	2			4			1			7
Dickson	6	5		2	18		8		5	44
Downer	1	4	2			1	1			9
Hackett							1		1	2
Lyneham		2		1		1	3		4	11
O'Connor				1			2		1	4
Reid		1	1						2	4
Turner		3		2		2	3	1	6	17
Watson	1	2					5		3	11

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Property damage	Antill Street	3 July	Other theft	Brennan Street	12 July

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Spring bird walk Sunday 14 September 8-10am

Meet at the park entrance in Mackenzie Street, near Grayson Street, Hackett. Peter Miller will lead the walk through Mount Majura's lower woodlands. Wear sturdy shoes, bring binoculars, camera, a bird ID app or field guide if you have one and a gold coin donation for a bird list.

More information: www.majura.org or contact FoMMnaturewalks@gmail.com

Third Sunday working party: weeding with a view Sunday 21 September 1 – 4pm

At the Old sheep camp, where the Casuarina Track meets the summit trail. It is about a 30 minute walk from the park entrances in Hackett. See the map on the website for details.

We will be removing herbaceous weed plants, including Horehound, Verbascum and Buchan Weed. Bring sun protection, drinking water, garden gloves if you have them. We provide gloves, tools and a cake for afternoon tea.

More information and a map www.majura.org.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HCA new committee - we held our AGM on Saturday 23 August. Our new committee includes the following Hackett residents - Chris Mobbs (Chair); Shan Short (Treasurer); Bruce Smith (Secretary); Committee members - Maureen Dawes, John Carty, Kay Murphy and Barbara Mobbs. Our next meeting is in November 2025. If you would like to participate, or have issues you would like the HCA to consider, please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au.

Automated External Defibrillator AED – we have reached our target to install an AED at the shops. Thank you to the Hackett businesses, organisations and residents who kindly made donations. We are working with the StreetBeat team to have it installed soon and will have more to say in the next newsletter.

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Survey Questions:

1. What parts of the newsletter are of most interest to you? (Please tick)

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| ☐ Front Page Information | ☐ Police Information |
| ☐ Hackett Profile | ☐ Scams |
| ☐ Crime Stats | ☐ Other eg local activities |
| ☐ Other organisations information | ☐ Don't read newsletter |
| ☐ Trade Advertisements | |

2. What additional/different information would you like to be included, noting that the newsletter is about promoting safety, security and awareness?

3. Are there any significant safety issues in your area? (please circle)

Yes/No

If 'yes', please describe the issue(s) and indicate what action has been taken.

4. Age demographic: (please tick)

- <30
- >30 - <55
- >56

Thank you for your participation in this survey.