



WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – December 2025

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About NHW

NHW is a community crime prevention program aimed at promoting a sense of safety, security and wellbeing. It seeks to reduce crime, particularly property crime and offences against the person and it aims to promote a secure environment resulting in safe and active neighbourhoods. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on their neighbours' properties, particularly if no one is home, and to report any suspicious behaviour to police.

You can show your support for this worthwhile organisation by becoming a member, with **no fee involved**. The Application Form can be accessed via the following website link: www.nhwact.org.au.

Anyone interested and available to assist with the delivery of Newsletters in their nearby streets, or being involved with any other NHW activities, should contact the Area Coordinator, either by phone or (preferably) email. The relevant details are shown in the banner heading above.

Report it

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at act.crimestoppers.com.au. If a crime is in progress or police attendance is required, it should be reported promptly to the police on 131 444.

Crimes can also be reported online (preferably) at either the 'report a crime' tab at www.police.act.gov.au or the 'report crime online' link at act.crimestoppers.com.au or direct to a police station. For record purposes, we encourage you to also indicate that you are a Neighbourhood Watch member when reporting incidents or providing information.

It is important to report all suspicious activity no matter how trivial it may appear. A particular incident may be one part of other related incidents, and this report may lead police to apprehend offenders.

What do I report?

It is important to notice and report any identifying features of suspicious people or vehicles. The more distinguishing features noticed the better to assist patrolling police with their enquiries.

These can include such things as gender, height, shape, hair, clothing, any particular traits or characteristics such as walking with a limp, stooped, etc.

Similarly for vehicles, any additional details including number plate, size of vehicle, SUV 4-wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, hatchback, colour, any damage or conspicuous features in the paintwork, significant wheels, etc.

ACT Policing Information

- Driver Fatigue

Driver fatigue is not just associated with long trips or heavy vehicles. Lack of sleep and certain medications can result in driver fatigue. Driving requires your full attention - taking your eyes off the road for just a few seconds can be all it takes for a collision to occur.

Know the signs

Signs of fatigue may include:

- yawning
- slow reaction times
- feeling stiff
- heavy eyes
- daydreaming
- wandering over the centre line or on to the edge of the road.

If you notice any of these signs; pull over and take a break.

Tips for long trips

- plan breaks in advance
- take a break at least every two hours
- stay somewhere overnight if you are going on a long journey
- share the driving and make sure you rest when you are not driving
- try not to drive when you would normally be asleep (early mornings and late nights).

Source: <https://police.act.gov.au/crime-and-prevention/road-safety/safe-driving/driver-fatigue>

Facebook Presence

A reminder that ACT Neighbourhood Watch has an active Facebook page where you will find some useful information regarding various local activities and community events. There is also some helpful advice relating to safety and security, with directions on crime prevention and reporting.

You can access us at www.facebook.com/NHWACT/, or can also connect through our website at www.nhwact.org.au where you will also find several items of general interest.

Also, we are currently engaged in expanding our overall Facebook presence and establishing further Groups in various suburbs, including a new combined Group for Monash/Wanniassa. You are invited to visit and contribute relevant community information of interest to the Group that can be accessed at the following link:

www.facebook.com/groups/monashandwanniassanhwact.



Monthly Crime Statistics

The following criminal offences have been reported in Wanniasa since the previous Newsletter:

Offence type	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
Assault (ABH & Other)	3	3	3
Motor vehicle theft			
- Embling Street	1	-	-
- Ricardo Street	1	-	-
- Riddell Court	-	1	-
Number plates theft			
- Ashley Drive	1	1	-
- Balfour Crescent	-	1	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	1	-
Burglary dwellings			
- Degrares Crescent	2	-	-
- Maloney Street	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	-	-
- Forlonge Street	-	1	-
- Hyland Place	-	1	-
- Cruikshank Street	-	-	1
Bicycle theft			
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Sternberg Crescent	1	-	-
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	7	6	6
- Comrie Street	-	-	1
Other theft			
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	1	-
Other property damage			
- Ashley Drive	1	-	-
- Degrares Crescent	1	-	-
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	1
- Harker Place	1	-	-
- Jenner Court	1	-	-
- Mackinnon Street	1	-	-
- Rylah Crescent	-	1	-
- McWhae Circuit	-	1	-
- Amsinck Street	-	1	-
- Derham Court	-	-	1
- Guthridge Crescent	-	-	1
- Fincham Crescent	-	-	1
Total	26	19	16

NHW Signage

As previously indicated, some additional and replacement NHW signs have been installed in several suburbs around Canberra in recent months. The project is ongoing and is being extended across various suburbs. You may have noticed a faded or damaged sign near you, so feel free to pass on the location details so we can replace it with a shiny new one.

Other Important Information

The ACT Neighbourhood Watch website has recently been updated to include various items tabled at this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October, such as copies of our updated Constitution document, President's Report and Financial Statements for the previous financial year.

You will find other interesting and worthwhile community information for members and ACT residents. There is also a new additional option under the Membership tab titled "Opportunities" to be used to advertise opportunities that progressively become available. The first item will be for the position of Membership Secretary that had recently been posted on the NHWACT Facebook Page following the incumbent's appointment as ACT President earlier this year.

Please feel free to visit the website at www.nhwact.org.au.

Finale

I would once again like to record my thanks to the Director and staff of Luton Real Estate in Tuggeranong for their past support with printing of the quarterly Newsletters over several years. This arrangement has now concluded as they have recently decided to close their local branch.

I am pleased to report that we have managed to negotiate a new arrangement with the trusted local Wanniasa firm of **McCann Properties** to provide similar support, and we are most grateful for their willing assistance.

As usual, I also express my sincere appreciation to the several helpful members that have assisted with the letter box deliveries during the past year.

Finally, I wish all Wanniasa NHW members and other local residents a safe and joyous festive season and a happy and healthy 2026.



Useful Numbers:

Emergencies (serious/life threatening)	000
Police Attendance (minor crimes)	131 444
Crime Stoppers (provide info)	1800 333 000
Access Canberra	132 281
Water/sewer emergency	131 193
Lifeline Crisis Support	131 114
State Emergency Service	132 500
RSPCA	6287 8100
Home Safety Program	6163 9084
Citizens Advice Bureau	6257 1687

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