



WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – June 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

- Technology enabled abuse

Technology enabled abuse is the use of technology (such as the internet, social media, mobile phones, computers, and surveillance devices) to perpetrate abusive behaviour against a person. Such behaviour includes: to threaten, intimidate, control, abuse, harass, punish, stalk and humiliate.

Examples of abusive behaviour:

- Making numerous and unwanted calls to a person's mobile phone.
- Sending threatening and/or abusive messages via text or through applications such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, Facebook messaging, Twitter etc.
- Hacking into a person's email or social media account to discover information about them.
- Hacking into a person's email or social media account to impersonate them and send abusive messages to family/friends of that person.
- Using surveillance devices to spy on a person.
- Using tracking devices to follow a person.
- Sharing, or threatening to share intimate pictures of a person.

Technology enabled abuse is a serious crime. **Call Police!**

Source: ACT Policing at www.police.act.gov.au/crime-and-prevention/family-violence/technology-enabled-abuse.

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 community safety and 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 worthwhile 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	Mar.	Apr.	May
Assault (ABH & Other)	3	3	1
Burglary dwellings			
- Ashley Drive	1	-	1
- Lansell Circuit	1	-	-
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Holden Crescent	-	1	-
Motor vehicle theft			
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
- Sullivan Crescent	1	-	-
- Thornley Place	-	1	-
- Guthridge Street	-	1	-
- Wheeler Crescent	-	1	-
Number plates theft			
- Wheeler Crescent	1	-	-
- Osmand Street	-	-	1
Shop stealing			
- Sangster Place	10	5	3
- Comrie Street	5	2	1
- Denigan Street	2	1	1
Other theft			
- Denigan Street	1	-	-
- McBryde Crescent	1	-	-
- Holden Crescent	-	1	-
- Byrne Street	-	1	-
- McBryde Crescent	-	2	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	1	-
- Gartside Street	-	-	1
- Mackinnon Street	-	-	1
- Sangster Street	-	-	2
- Brodribb Street	-	-	1
Other property damage			
- Ricardo Street	2	-	-
- Sangster Street	1	1	1
- Comrie Street	1	-	-
- Ashley Drive	1	1	-
- Keys Crescent	-	1	-
- Nimmo Place	-	1	-
- Greeves Street	-	1	-
- Sternberg Crescent	-	-	1
- Langdon Avenue	-	-	1
- McBryde Crescent	-	-	2
- Erindale Drive	-	-	1
Total	33	25	19

What's in a Name?

As you may be aware, the theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

Bromell Circuit: *Thomas Bromell* (1832-1887), pastoralist and Victorian politician; MLC West Province 1874-87.

NHW Signage

In recent months, some additional and replacement NHW signs have been installed in several suburbs around Canberra. The exercise 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

- Dogs in the ACT

There have been recent reports in the local media of unfortunate dog attacks in Wanniasa, and it is an opportunity to again remind the local community about the various important obligations of dog ownership.

Being a dog owner brings with it certain responsibilities. This includes keeping your dog happy and healthy, as well as making sure it does not negatively impact the community. The community expects to be able to enjoy public places without fear or threat of being attacked by dogs or walking on dog excrements. Residents are entitled to enjoy their garden without dogs roaming onto their property or being disturbed by excessive or constant barking noise. Dog owners are responsible for ensuring their dog does not disturb or endanger other members of the public.

Part of being an owner means you need to exercise your dog. If you are in a public place with your dog, you must have **effective control** of the dog at all times. This includes both on-leash and off-leash areas. Dogs in the ACT must be on a leash in public places, except in designated off-leash areas and enclosed dog parks. If you do not have effective control of your dog, you could be fined. If you require assistance regarding roaming dogs, dog attacks, etc at any time call Domestic Animal Services on 13 22 81.

Dog registration is compulsory in the ACT, although they are no longer required to wear a yellow registration tag. However, owners are encouraged to always have an identification tag on their pet: In particular, to have the name of the pet and a contact number included, so the pet can be quickly reunited with its family if it becomes lost.

Additional relevant information on keeping dogs in the ACT can be found on the ACT Government's City Services website at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs>. Also, further useful details are available through the following related 'Pets and Wildlife' link: <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife>.

Source: City Services at www.cityservices.act.gov.au/.

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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