



# WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – June 2026

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.police.act.gov.au) or the 'report crime online' link at [act.crimestoppers.com.au](http://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

### Home Security

Most home break ins happen during the day. Burglars usually look for doors that are unlocked and windows left open so they can grab what they can and make a quick getaway. If a burglar can't see an easy way in, they often won't try.

### Tips to keep the burglars out

#### - Secure your home:

- Lock your doors and windows even when you are at home.
- For a cheap quick fix, a piece of dowel in a window or sliding door runner can be just as effective as a lock.
- Most homes that are broken into do not have a security alarm. An alarm system could help protect your home and they come with a range of features to suit different budgets.
- Place stickers and signs around your home to warn burglars of an alarm system, dog or Neighbourhood Watch.
- Install sensor lights that turn on with movement.
- Check your outside lights, windows and door locks regularly to ensure they are operating correctly.
- Pack away garden tools and always keep them in a locked shed or garage so they can't be used to break into your home.
- Maintain your lawn and keep hedges and bushes cut back so your front and backyard can be easily seen and there is nowhere for an offender to hide.

#### - Hide your valuables:

- Don't leave your keys or wallet near the door or where burglars could see them or smash a glass panel and reach them. Wallets and cards are a quick win for burglars, and more offenders are breaking into homes to grab car keys so they can steal your car.
- Keep valuables somewhere hard to find. Burglars often target jewellery in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.
- Never leave keys hidden outside your home. Leave them with a trusted neighbour or friend or invest in a good quality lock box/key safe.
- Mark your property using an engraver, ultraviolet (UV) pen or microdots.

### Be a good neighbour

By working together and keeping an eye out, you can help prevent crime in your area.

- Get to know your neighbours
- Watch out for each other's homes, including collecting a neighbour's mail when they're away or alerting police of unusual activity
- Join Neighbourhood Watch

Source: <https://police.act.gov.au/crime-and-prevention/>

## 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	2	3
Motor vehicle theft - Harbison Crescent - Sangster Place	1 -	- 1	- -
Number plates theft - Ashley Drive - McBryde Crescent - Kirkton Street	- - -	1 - -	- 1 1
Bicycle theft - Denigan Street - Sangster Place	- -	- -	1 1
Shop stealing - Sangster Place - Comrie Street - Denigan Street - Gartside Street - Sternberg Crescent	2 2 - - -	3 5 2 1 1	3 1 1 - -
Other theft - Ashley Drive - Ricardo Street - Sumner Place - Grattan Court - Denigan Street - Rylah Crescent	1 1 - - - -	- 1 1 1 - -	- - - - 1 1
Other property damage - Lansell Circuit - Ricardo Street - Sternberg Crescent - Comrie Street - Gartside Street - McBryde Crescent - Witt Place - Rylah Crescent - Guthridge Street - Leggatt Street	1 1 - - - - - - - -	- - 1 1 1 1 - - - -	- - - - - - 1 1 1 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>

## NHW Signage

Several additional and replacement NHW signs have been installed in many suburbs across Canberra in recent months to enhance our overall image. The project is ongoing and is being progressively continued around 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

You will find much interesting and worthwhile community information for members and other ACT residents on the ACT NHW website at [www.nhwact.org.au](http://www.nhwact.org.au). Members will have also recently received the President's May Bulletin with an update on recent NHW activities. It can be readily accessed at: <https://nhwact.org.au/index.php/news/>.

There is also a new option under the Membership tab titled "Volunteering Opportunities" to be used to advertise positions that progressively become available within the organisation. This includes various roles involved with administering our Facebook presence in some suburbs across the ACT. Further details are available at: <https://nhwact.org.au/index.php/volunteering-opportunities/>.

## Facebook Presence

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 find us at [www.facebook.com/NHWACT/](http://www.facebook.com/NHWACT/), or can also connect through our website at [www.nhwact.org.au](http://www.nhwact.org.au) where you will also find several items of general interest.

Our overall Facebook presence continues to expand with further Groups recently established in various suburbs. You are invited to visit the local combined Group for Monash/Wanniasa and contribute any relevant community information of interest. That site can be accessed via the following link:

[www.facebook.com/groups/monashandwanniasanhwact](http://www.facebook.com/groups/monashandwanniasanhwact).



## 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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