

WANNIASSA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – March 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.

Also, if you notice a child or animal trapped in a hot vehicle, please call 000 to ensure prompt attention from both ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance.

NHWACT is Seeking Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience in a field that interests you or to develop or consolidate skills required in the workforce.

Neighbourhood Watch ACT (NHW ACT) is run by local people for people in their area to increase safety, security and instil a sense of quality of life for everyone.

To progress these aims, the Board of Management of Neighbourhood Watch ACT is seeking assistance with some functions that our pool of volunteers is currently unable to fulfil. We are looking for the volunteers to commence as soon as possible and we will provide all the necessary background information and ongoing support.

Some of the functions are project specific, while others are of a continuing nature. Membership of the organisation is not a requisite.

Roles available include:

- Marketing (to assist us with creating, coordinating, promoting, and hosting a variety of public events)
ACTNHW holds a number of member events each year and attends a variety of community events. The organisation has embarked on a challenging transition to better align with emerging technologies, particularly in the social media and broader communication space, while also maintaining connection with our traditional membership base.
- Legal (to assist with updating our Constitution)
- IT (to assist with the ongoing management of our website, social media sites and IT capability)
 - The Board operates with a number of Dell laptops for the executive team.
 - The role includes recommendations to the Board about periodically refreshing the suite of laptops, set up of new equipment and managing levels of access for individual users and support as required.
 - The organisation's website and Facebook page require monitoring and regular updates.

The roles require liaison with Board members and the Executive, but there is no requirement to attend Board meetings.

The Interim President or Secretary would be happy to meet with you to discuss the requirements in more detail. They can be contacted via email at either:

membershipsecretary@nhwact.org.au or
secretary@nhwact.org.au

Monthly Crime Statistics

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

Offence type	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Assault (ABH & Other)	5	1	4
Burglary dwellings - Snowden Place	-	1	-
Motor vehicle theft - Ashley Drive - Duffus Place - Langdon Avenue	1 - -	- 1 1	- - -
Number plates theft - Illingworth Street - Ricardo Street - Ashley Drive	- - -	1 1 1	- - -
Arson - Sangster Place	-	1	-
Shop stealing - Sangster Place - Comrie Street - McBryde Crescent - Denigan Street	6 3 1 -	3 4 - 2	4 5 - 1
Other theft - Gartside Street - Denigan Street - Ireland Place - Langdon Avenue - Comrie Street - Ricardo Street	1 1 - - - -	- 1 1 1 - -	- - - - 1 1
Other property damage - McBryde Crescent - Rylah Crescent - Sangster Place - Greeves Street - Comrie Street - Grattan Court - Guthridge Crescent - Balfour Crescent - Sternberg Crescent - Ashley Drive - Ricardo Street	2 1 1 1 1 - - - - - - -	1 - - - 1 1 1 - - - - -	- - - - - - - 1 1 1 1 1
Total	24	24	20

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

What's in a Name?

The theme used for local street names throughout Wanniasa was Victorian State Politicians.

Brunton Street: *Thomas Brunton* (c1831-1908), miller and Victorian politician; President Royal Agricultural Society 1895; MLC South Province 1890-1904.



Other Important Information

Neighbour Day – Sunday, 30 March

Neighbour Day provides the perfect opportunity to increase social connection in your local areas. You can celebrate in a variety of ways including hosting or supporting events that assist and engage your communities, with the aim of fostering strong personal connections that last the whole year-round.

The theme for Neighbours Every Day is **‘Create, Share and Grow Belonging’** – a call to action to everyone (individuals, community groups, business and governments) to take actions that create social connection and foster respectful relationships.

Belonging doesn't come easily. True inclusion and lasting connection take consideration and practice. Belonging isn't exclusive or selective. True social connection can only occur when everyone feels like they belong. True belonging must be shared.

We can share belonging by focusing on genuine inclusion and connection, making others welcome, and by challenging ourselves to connect through empathy and compassion. Through this, we can create respectful relationships that last.

Knowing your neighbours, and your broader community has never been more important. Relationships Australia as the home of Neighbour Day believes in the power of the Australian community to support its most vulnerable, to tackle loneliness, and to work together to ensure healthy and safe relationships.

Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to reach out and connect with your neighbours. It is about building better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and weak. Neighbours are important because good relationships with others can and do change communities.

Neighbours Every Day aims to empower everyone in Australia to **create, share and grow belonging – each and every day of the year.**

Source: Relationships Australia at neighbourseveryday.org/

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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