

Newsletter

Hawker/Weetangera



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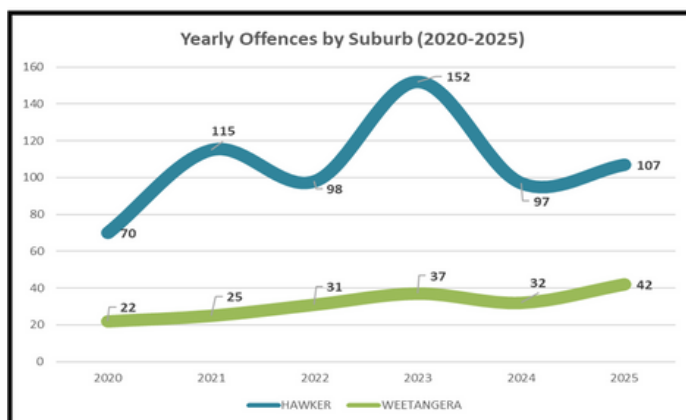
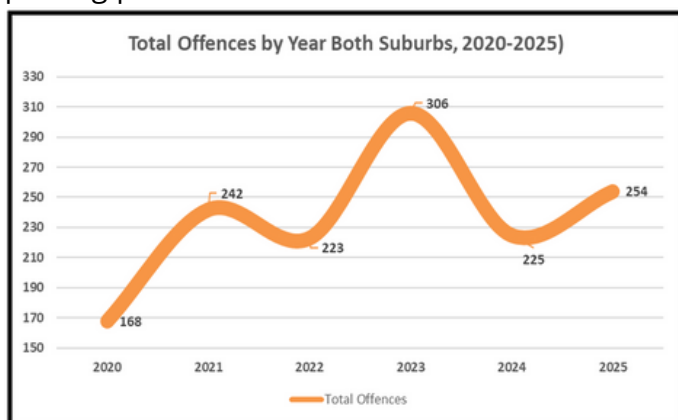
We have been super busy in the past couple of months with some of our key activities being:

- ✓ Continued to **deliver** Neighbourhood Watch bin stickers to local residents.
- ✓ **Reported** multiple Fix My Street issues in January for dumped rubbish and vandalism, helping improve the appearance of our suburbs. Please continue to share information and photos via Facebook or email so we can submit reports on your behalf.
- ✓ ACT Policing **responded** to a complaint we submitted and confirmed they are actively responding to recent antisocial behaviour in Hawker and Weetangera and have requested any further issues be reported via 131 444 so they can address these issues as they arise.
- ✓ **Spoken** with local business owners about ongoing shop thefts and how we can support them with information on safety and staff rights.
- ✓ **Reviewing** recent graffiti at the shops and working with relevant contacts on local prevention opportunities.
- ✓ **Submitted** four proposals to NHWACT, including two local pilot programs focused on youth crime, a local kitbag for events, and improvements to the NHWACT website.
- ✓ **Drafted** a range of safety information and tips for upcoming NHWACT printed flyers, which are expected to be released in the coming months.
- ✓ **Actively discussing** with key stakeholders to schedule an event at the March Hawker Community Markets, as well as another community meeting before daylight savings ends.
- ✓ We will also now be moving to a **quarterly newsletter** and provide three months' worth of crime statistics in each edition.

Crime Statistics Trending

A local resident recently contacted us asking for crime trends in our area. We were able to source suburb-level data and have summarised the key trends for July 2020 to December 2025, along with the main types of crime being reported.

It's also worth noting that early 2020 was affected by COVID-19 restrictions, which may have influenced reporting patterns.



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Crime Statistics



Below are the ACT Policing crime statistics for November, December 2025 and January 2026. Remember to **REPORT** any issues no matter how insignificant they may be at the time.

NOVEMBER 2025




Suburb	Street Name	Offence type	Start date
HAWKER	HAWKER	Assault other	01/11/25
HAWKER	TANUMBIRINI	Other theft	08/11/25
WEETANGERA	GIBBES	Other theft	09/11/25
HAWKER	SPRINGVALE	Assault other	15/11/25
HAWKER	MAINORU	Burglary dwellings	15/11/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Other property damage	15/11/25
WEETANGERA	BELCONNEN	Other theft	15/11/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	16/11/25
HAWKER	MURRANJII	Burglary dwellings	17/11/25
WEETANGERA	KINLEYSIDE	Other property damage	18/11/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	20/11/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Bicycle theft	21/11/25
WEETANGERA	SOUTHWELL	Burglary dwellings	22/11/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	26/11/25

DECEMBER 2025

Suburb	Street Name	Offence type	Start date
HAWKER	HAWKER	Other property damage	02/12/25
HAWKER	SPRINGVALE	Arson	04/12/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Other property damage	06/12/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	07/12/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	14/12/25
WEETANGERA	SOUTHWELL	Other property damage	18/12/25
WEETANGERA	SOUTHWELL	Arson	21/12/25
HAWKER	BEETALOO	Other property damage	22/12/25
WEETANGERA	O'ROURKE	Other theft	24/12/25
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	28/12/25
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HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	28/12/25
HAWKER	BEETALOO	Burglary dwellings	30/12/25

JANUARY 2026

Suburb	Street Name	Offence type	Start date
WEETANGERA	SHUMACK	Other property damage	01/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	02/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	09/01/26
WEETANGERA	SOUTHWELL	Other property damage	12/01/26
HAWKER	MOROAK	Other theft	13/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Other property damage	13/01/26
HAWKER	ERLDUNDA	Assault other	15/01/26
WEETANGERA	MORTON	Theft of Vehicle Number Plates	23/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	24/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	27/01/26
HAWKER	HAWKER	Shop stealing	29/01/26

-  **Always** report incidents, no matter how small
-  **Phone** 131 444 for non-emergencies
-  **Phone** 1800 333 000 or submit the form at crimestoppersact.com.au to report anonymously.

Hawker Tennis Centre

In early December 2025, Neighbourhood Watch Hawker & Weetangera lodged a formal complaint with Access Canberra about the deteriorating condition of the Hawker Tennis Centre on Walhallow Street. Concerns included dumped rubbish, burnt furniture, graffiti, broken and missing fencing, overgrown vegetation, and indicators of drug use — all visible from public pathways.

Ministerial Response (12 January 2026)

Minister Chris Steel advised that Access Canberra inspected the site on 9 December. Inspectors did not classify the block as an “unclean leasehold” under the Planning Act 2023 but did identify significant fencing damage and directed the lessee to undertake repairs. The Minister also confirmed the site has not been used for more than 12 months, triggering a Controlled Activity under the Planning Act. Regulatory options are currently being considered.

Access Canberra Feedback (16 January 2026)

Access Canberra separately confirmed that both the desktop audit and on-site inspection identified damaged fencing and natural overgrowth, as well as the lessee's non-use of the site for over a year.

Hawker/Weetangera Neighbourhood Watch Response (19 January 2026)

We have sought clarification on:

- how the site was assessed against Division 16.1 (Unclean Leaseholds)
- whether inspectors collected photographic evidence
- what repairs have been directed and associated timeframes
- next steps in the Controlled Activity investigation

Updated photos taken on 14 January show that rubbish, graffiti, broken fencing and other hazards remain visible from public pathways. We also requested clarification on who is responsible for removing dumped rubbish, as the community has no way to contact the lessee directly. To assist ACT Government, we have offered to meet inspectors on-site to demonstrate the vantage points from which community evidence was gathered. We will continue to keep residents updated as further information becomes available. At the publication of this newsletter, we are still waiting a response from ACT Government.



Draft Events Calendar

To help you plan ahead, we've outlined activities that NHW Hawker/Weetangera are aiming to participate in this year.

Final dates will depend on external resourcing and facility availability. We will confirm each activity as soon as the details are locked in.

If you are aware of any other large local events that would benefit our presence, please let us know.

2026 LOCAL & NHW EVENTS					
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEWSLETTER	20-22 FEB CANBERRA SHOW (NHWACT STAND)	3-8 MARCH SOFTBALL U14 TOURNAMENT HAWKER MARKETS 15 MARCH HAWKER MENS SHED- REPAIR CAFE 24/25 MARCH ** COMMUNITY MEETING	NEWSLETTER		HAWKER MENS SHED- REPAIR CAFE HAWKER MARKETS
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER		24 SEPT SENIORS EXPO (NHWACT STAND) HAWKER MENS SHED- REPAIR CAFE HAWKER MARKETS	NEWSLETTER		HAWKER MARKETS HAWKER MENS SHED- REPAIR CAFE
THIS CALENDAR HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN DRAFT FORMAT, PENDING CONFIRMATION FROM KEY RESOURCES AND FACILITIES. ** THIS DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.					

Defibrillator Fundraising for Weetangera Shops

Hawker, Weetangera and the surrounding suburbs are wonderful places to live — communities built on connection, care and looking out for one another. With so many residents and visitors in the area, having quick access to lifesaving equipment at the Weetangera shopping precinct isn't just helpful... it's essential.

Woolworths at Hawker have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in their store just as you walk into the shops on the right-hand side wall and they are open 7am - 10pm every day. Our understanding is that any incident, whether it occurs inside or outside the store, requires the AED to be accessed and administered by Woolworths staff, as they are the trained first-aid responders.

That's why Neighbourhood Watch Hawker-Weetangera is working to install a public AED at the Weetangera Shops.

Why an AED Matters

Every minute counts during a cardiac emergency.

- Without early defibrillation, fewer than 5% of cardiac arrest victims survive.
- Survival drops by 10% for every minute without defibrillation.
- Using an AED within the first few minutes can increase survival to over 70%.

In a busy area like ours, bystanders can reach a person in need faster than paramedics — but only if an AED is available. With your help, our local community shopping and sporting precincts can be ready.

How You Can Help

We're inviting residents, businesses and supporters to contribute to the \$3,500 needed for purchase, installation and maintenance of an AED at Weetangera shops.

Every dollar — big or small — brings us closer to making Weetangera better. What's even better is that every donation over \$2 is tax deductible!

☀️ If you've ever wanted to make a meaningful difference locally, this is your moment.

👏 Together, we can save lives.

DONATE AT:

<https://www.streetbeat.life/fundraisers/WeetangeraShops/act>



ACT Government - How to Report Issues

Sometimes it can be hard to know where to report issues to ACT Government. We've put together a quick cheat sheet to help our residents navigate their way to the right areas.

Access Canberra – Primary Contact Hub	13 22 81
(Available 8am–6pm weekdays, 9am–5pm weekends/public holidays).	For general enquiries, feedback, complaints, and help finding the right ACT Government service.
Fix My Street (Online Service)	https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/city-services/fix-my-street Report issues like damaged footpaths, graffiti, broken streetlights, dumped rubbish, overgrown vegetation, and other local maintenance matters.

ACCESS CANBERRA PHONE MENU	
Menu Selection	Enquiry category
1	Urgent public safety including needles/syringes, dog attacks and injured wildlife
	Work health and safety issues including dangerous substances
	ACT roads reports - dangerous potholes or road obstructions
	Fix my Street - bins, trees, streetlights, abandoned vehicles
	Feedback or Complaints - noise, environmental
2	Registration, Infringements, vehicle inspections
3	Births, Deaths and Marriages,
	Working with Vulnerable People
	Domestic Animal Services
	Rental Bonds, Construction and business enquiries, land titles
4	Pay an ACT Government account or invoice such as rates or land tax.
5	Connect to a specific ACT Government employee that you know by name.
9	Select this option for all other enquiries.

A Word from our Partner...Softball ACT

Softball ACT is entering an exciting new chapter. Following recent changes by Softball Australia, Softball ACT will now operate independently again. This transition gives Softball ACT greater flexibility to shape the sport locally, with decisions focused on the needs of players, clubs, volunteers and supporters. It also creates more opportunities for community-driven programs, competitions and social events in our local area.

With the summer season underway and Social 7s weeknight competitions approaching, it's a great time to get behind Softball ACT. Whether you're a seasoned player or simply looking for a fun way to stay active, there's a place for everyone on the diamond.

Let's support our local sponsor, back the upcoming tournaments (U14 Boys 3 - 8 March), and help strengthen softball in the ACT as it enters this new era.

Key Contacts

ORGANISATION	NUMBER	ORGANISATION	NUMBER
Emergencies	000	Access Canberra	132 281
Police	131 444	State Emergency Service	132 500
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000	RSPCA	6287 8100

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