

Newsletter

Hawker/Weetangera



Recent Happenings

We have been super busy in the past couple of months. Activities included:

- ✓ Delivered Neighbourhood Watch bin stickers to locals (see separate article to arrange one).
- ✓ Liaised with NHW ACT, requesting info from ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers ACT on crime statistics (details in this newsletter).
- ✓ Developed a NHW holiday checklist, now printed and in use by NHW ACT.
- ✓ Assisted residents with incident reporting and shared updates via the Hawker/Weetangera NHW Facebook page.
- ✓ **21 Sept** - Ran a NHW stall at the Hawker Repair Cafe promoting NHWA Secure September.
- ✓ **24 Sept** - Supported NHW stall at Seniors Expo, Old Bus Depot Markets.
- ✓ **14 Oct** - Attended NHW ACT AGM: Jude Bowman re-elected President, Clare McGrath VP North; Constitution adopted; Jean Giese (Volunteering ACT) spoke on volunteering trends.
- ✓ **18 Oct** - Helped at NHW Australasia's Home Security Week event at Bunnings Belconnen, distributing security packs (plus gardening tips!).
- ✓ **26 Oct** - Ran a stall at Hawker Primary School Fete; jellybean competition had two winners; engaged locals on home security and reporting.
- ✓ **29 Oct** - Melissa presented on Canva and Copilot AI at NHW members forum, supporting Facebook admins to create content and broaden community reach.



Christmas Giveaway

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we are spreading some holiday cheer! Enter our giveaway for a chance to win a prize pack to the value of \$50.

How to enter:

- Sign up to our newsletters by sending us your email address either via Facebook messenger or **hawker@nhwact.org.au**. If you are already on our email list, please let us know.
- At the same time, let us know what your favourite thing is about the suburbs of Hawker/Weetangera. This can be in words, photos or drawings.

Winners will be chosen and notified on 14 December (Hawker Repair Cafe day).

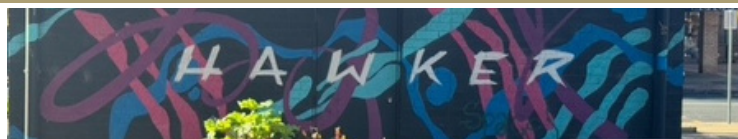
Bin Stickers

Did you know we now have bin stickers locally for you? Each bin sticker should be placed on the red (weekly) bin with the sticker on the front of the bin. If you sign up to our mailing list for the newsletter, we'll even deliver one to you! How's that for service with a smile!



Help us reduce our carbon footprint 🌱 by joining our email list. It's easy!
Provide your email address via Facebook Messenger Or 📧 Email: hawker@nhwact.org.au

Crime Statistics



Below are the ACT Policing crime statistics for September and October 2025.

It is good to see that there were no reported crimes in Weetangera during October, but it is a reminder to all to **REPORT** any issues no matter how insignificant it may be at the time.

SEPTEMBER 2025

| Suburb | Street Name | Offence type | Start date |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| HAWKER | MAINORU | Assault other | 01/09/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Burglary dwellings | 01/09/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Motor vehicle theft | 01/09/25 |
| HAWKER | MAINORU | Assault causing ABH | 03/09/25 |
| HAWKER | MAINORU | Other theft | 03/09/25 |
| WEETANGERA | MCLACHLAN | Other theft | 14/09/25 |
| WEETANGERA | SOUTHWELL | Other property damage | 15/09/25 |
| HAWKER | HAWKER | Assault other | 16/09/25 |
| HAWKER | SPRINGVALE | Assault other | 18/09/25 |
| WEETANGERA | BELCONNEN | Shop stealing | 19/09/25 |
| HAWKER | SPRINGVALE | Motor vehicle theft | 26/09/25 |
| HAWKER | HAWKER | Shop stealing | 29/09/25 |
| HAWKER | HAWKER | Shop stealing | 30/09/25 |
| HAWKER | BEETALOO | Other theft | 30/09/25 |

OCTOBER 2025

| Suburb | Street Name | Offence type | Start date |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| HAWKER | BEETALOO | Assault causing ABH | 29/10/25 |
| HAWKER | HAWKER | Assault other | 16/10/25 |
| HAWKER | WILLIAM HOVELL | Motor vehicle theft | 17/10/25 |
| HAWKER | HAWKER | Shop stealing | 05/10/25 |
| HAWKER | WALHALLOW | Theft of Vehicle Number Plates | 23/10/25 |
| HAWKER | BEETALOO | Other property damage | 18/10/25 |

- ✓ **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.

Crime Stats - The Facts

We recently prepared questions for ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers ACT on the monthly crime statistics that are issued by ACT Policing in relation to Canberra.

Here is some of the information that we learnt:

- ✓ The statistics include incidents reported to ACT Policing by Crime Stoppers ACT. They include anything assigned for investigation. If a full report isn't provided, this will not be counted, however, it will be noted for information/intelligence.
- ✓ Reported crimes are counted in the statistics. For example, if a person's house is broken into but the perpetrator isn't caught, the break-in will still be included in the statistics.
- ✓ Where people are caught on camera attempting to commit offences (but haven't actually committed offences) these incidents should definitely be reported to Crime Stoppers ACT. Footage of attempted crimes helps. The intelligence picture is always important. If there isn't enough to investigate now, there may be in the future.
- ✓ The ACT Policing website has some territory-wide statistics available which is broken down monthly into command areas. Our team will undertake some analysis on this data and provide some information in our next newsletter.





Secure Your Home Tips - Christmas Edition

The festive season is all about joy and togetherness and it's also a great time to make sure your home stays safe while you celebrate. Don't forget to print a copy of the new NHW Holiday Checklist as well!



Before heading out or welcoming guests, double-check that doors and windows are locked, and set timers for lights to help keep things cozy and secure.



Hold off on sharing travel plans online and ask a neighbour to collect mail or packages so nothing piles up.



Test your smoke detectors, unplug unused electronics, and keep valuables out of sight.



For extra peace of mind, consider smart home security or cameras—so you can focus on what matters most: enjoying the holidays!

What To Consider When Buying a Security System

We've had some questions on how to choose the right security cameras, so we thought we'd put together a checklist which our residents can use to identify which one will suit their own personal circumstances.

When choosing a home security system, it's important to consider both your specific needs and the broader features that ensure safety, reliability, and ease of use. Here are five top considerations to guide your decision:

1. MONITORING TYPE

Self-Monitored: You receive alerts and manage responses.

Professionally Monitored: A security company handles alerts and contacts emergency services.

 *TIP: CONSIDER YOUR AVAILABILITY AND COMFORT LEVEL WITH HANDLING EMERGENCIES.*

2. EQUIPMENT & FEATURES

Cameras: Indoor/outdoor, night vision, motion detection, two-way audio.

Sensors: Door/window, motion, glass break.

Smart Integration: Works with smart locks, lights, thermostats, voice assistants.

Alarms: Loud sirens, silent alerts, panic buttons.

 *TIP: CHOOSE FEATURES THAT MATCH YOUR HOME LAYOUT AND LIFESTYLE.*

3. INSTALLATION METHOD

DIY Systems: Easy to install, flexible, often cheaper.

Professional Installation: Expert setup, often required for complex systems.

 *TIP: CONSIDER YOUR TECHNICAL COMFORT AND WHETHER YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR HOME.*

4. CONNECTIVITY & RELIABILITY

Wi-Fi Based: Common but vulnerable to outages.

Cellular Backup: Keeps system running during internet/power failures.

Battery Backup: Ensures continued operation during blackouts.

 *TIP: LOOK FOR SYSTEMS WITH REDUNDANCY TO STAY PROTECTED IN ALL SCENARIOS.*

5. COST & CONTRACTS

Upfront Costs: Equipment purchase or rental.

Monthly Fees: Monitoring, cloud storage, app access.

Contracts: Some systems require long-term commitments.

 *TIP: COMPARE TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP AND AVOID HIDDEN FEES.*





Upcoming Events

Find your local NHW team at the following upcoming local event:

Hawker Repair Centre Cafe - Sunday 14 December 2025 - 10am onwards

The following local events are also coming up:

- **30 November** - Making Memories Open Garden and plant sale plus morning-afternoon tea in Hawker. Dementia fundraiser (previously postponed due to unforeseen circumstances). Details on our Facebook page or email us for ticket information.
- **5 - 7 December** - ACT Mens' Skins - fast paced Mens' softball from teams across Australia. Softball Centre, Wahallow Street, Hawker.
- **13 December** - Hawker Community Markets at the Hawker shops - 10am onwards.

A Message from Kate & Mel

We wish you all a safe and relaxing festive season.

Thank you so much for supporting this group. We have achieved a lot this year – becoming established, holding our information session, participating in community events, preparing and distributing newsletters, growing the Facebook page to over 600 members, strengthening community connections, meeting new people and fostering community spirit.

We could not have done any of this without the support of **YOU**, our community, for which we are truly grateful. We are also very appreciative of Softball ACT and local businesses that have helped with the publishing and distribution of our newsletters. We are also so grateful for the local residents who have signed up to become NHW members and are able to help us at local events for our community.

Our top two tips for the holiday period are:

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report all incidents Crime Stoppers or ACT Police.
- If going away, secure your home as best you can, without making it obvious that you have gone away (see our tips elsewhere in this newsletter).



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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