



Newsletter

Hawker/Weetangera

Welcome to the very first edition of the newsletter for our new Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group for Hawker and Weetangera.

We are delighted to share information that can help you and your family with day-to-day security and also tips and tricks to help ensure that your home or unit is kept safe.

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

In every edition, we will bring you key articles, issues specific to our NHW group, and the latest crime statistics.

The Hawker/Weetangera Neighbourhood Watch was created to foster safety, prevent crime, and support each other. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected neighbourhood.

Join Our Email List

Our key communication channels are the Hawker/Weetangera Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page, newsletters and letterbox drops. We hope to have newsletters available at the Hawker and Weetangera shops in the future.



What is 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 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 www.nhwact.org.au

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



Reporting Activity

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers ACT 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 participant 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.

Giving a Good Description - People & Vehicles

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can help the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously.

When giving a description it is important to build a complete picture of a person from head to toe. Taking note of the features listed on the right hand side of this page will assist.

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour, it is crucial to take note of relevant details.

The most important thing is...

REPORT REPORT REPORT!

- ▶ Gender/Approximate Age
- ▶ Haircut and colour
- ▶ Body Frame/Build/Approximate Height
- ▶ Appearance/Look/Body Language
- ▶ Distinguishable Clothing
- ▶ Facial Hair
- ▶ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ▶ Voice characteristics/speech/language
- ▶ Vehicle Registration Number
- ▶ Vehicle colour, make or model
- ▶ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ▶ Direction of travel
- ▶ Driver/Occupants



First Meeting - 24 July



We recently held our first community event meeting, which was also attended by ACT Neighbourhood Watch representatives, Crime Stoppers ACT and ACT Police. We would like to give a big thank you to the Hawker Bowling Club for their generous help in hosting the meeting.

We had a fantastic turn-out (about 80 people), with lots of questions and comments from our local community. These ranged from what residents can do to support the ACT Police, to the use of CCTV at home and trends in crime statistics in our area. We heard stories from local residents of their experiences and many shared tips and tricks for making homes safer. A key message was ensuring our homes are secure. One of the Hawker Bowling Club staff members spoke about the benefits of increased security measures and how this has significantly reduced property damage at the Club.

Sergeant Ben Pipe from the Belconnen Police Station spoke about opportunities to help the Police and how important it is to report everything, no matter how small it is. These bits of information can be crucial to help them solve crimes we won't even be aware of. Crime Stoppers ACT explained the process of reporting crimes on their website and gave us some valuable information on the matters to report to them (urgent matters should be reported to the ACT Police while non-urgent ones should be reported to Crime Stoppers).

The police officer mentioned that there has been a large increase in offences at local shops (Hawker, Jamison and Belconnen Mall). While phones, cash and jewellery used to be high on the list of household items that criminals take, the main item of choice these days is cars.

Cars stolen from people's houses are often used to commit other crimes. Offenders look for easy access points to houses such as open doors or windows and use those opportunities to steal car keys.





First Meeting - 24 July Continued...

Youth Crime

Youth crime was also discussed at the meeting, noting it has become more prevalent in recent times. Attendees provided some great suggestions to our group, NHW ACT and ACT Police on how to combat this as a broader group and so stay tuned for more information on this topic.

NHW Signage

One of the key items we have addressed since the launch of our new group is to submit a request to renew aged Neighbourhood Watch signs within the Hawker/Weetangera suburbs.

We have requested a number of signs and at the cost of \$150 a pop, NHW ACT may not be able to provide all the ones we have requested so we will review this and apply again in the next financial year.

Keep your eyes out for the new signs being installed during August/September.

NHW BBQ

Another item mentioned was that we are looking at holding a community BBQ when the weather is a bit warmer. This will hopefully be held at one of our local shops, with NHW information being provided and we would ask the Police to drop in to the BBQ to chat with residents.

Suburb Ovals

One of our local residents mentioned that there has been a number of incidents involving fireworks at some of our local school and sports ovals. On one occasion the fireworks started a backyard fire in Weetangera near the oval. Residents were reminded to provide any information to the Police or Crime Stoppers so the offenders may be apprehended.

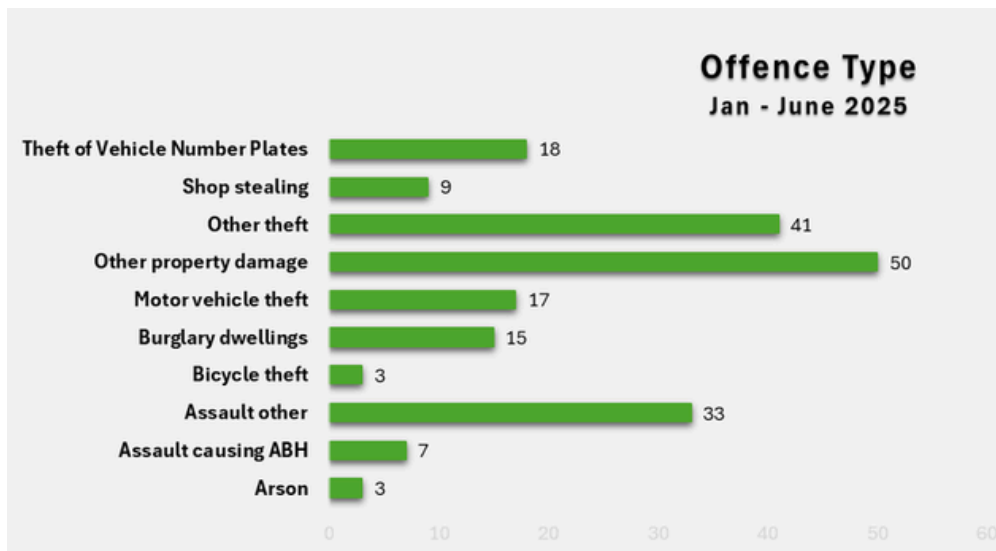
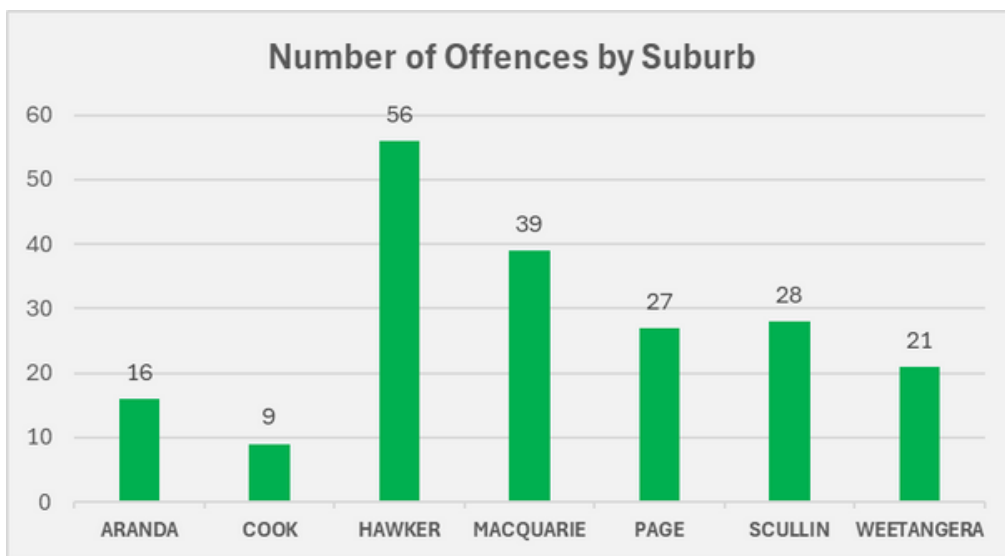
Canberra Times Focus

A recent article in the Canberra Times focused on some of our neighbours in Weetangera who have been the target of a series of nighttime attacks. Anyone with any information about these incidents is urged to contact Crime Stoppers ACT.



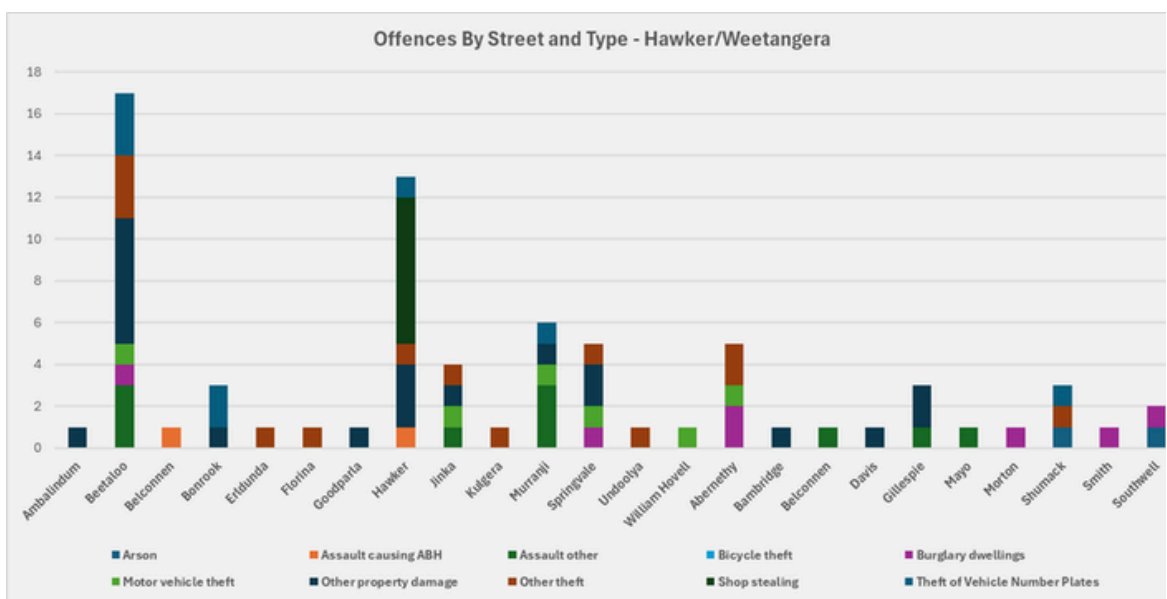
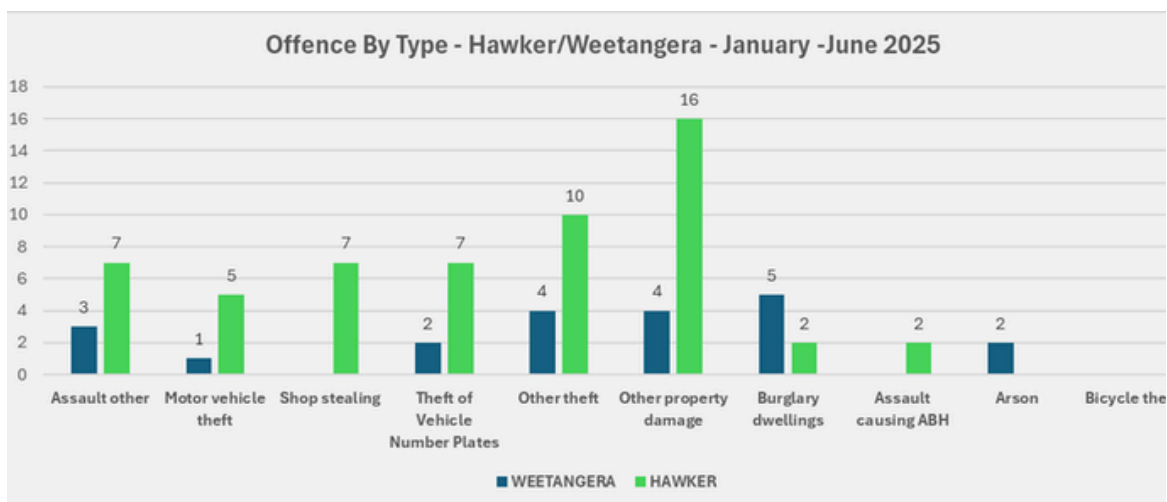
Statistics

Neighbourhood Watch provides crime statistics each month. For our first meeting we compiled some statistics for our local area for the period from January 2025 to June 2025. You will note that Hawker has the highest reported crime rate in our local suburbs and surrounding areas.





Statistics



REPORT any crime you witness so we can aim to reduce crime over the coming months.

Want an email copy instead? Join our mailing list: hawker@nhwact.org.au



Secure September

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia invites you to take action against crime and boost your home security.

👉 Don't live in fear—strengthen your security and lower your risk.

📦 Register now to receive your FREE Home Security Kit in early September.

The FREE National Secure Your Home Day Kit will be sent to participants in early September.

<https://secureyourhomeday.com.au/>

Upcoming Events

Find us at the following upcoming local events:

- Hawker Community Repair Cafe at Hawker International Softball Centre, Walhallow Street, Hawker on 21 September 2025 between 10am-1pm
- Hawker Primary Spooky Fete on Sunday 26 October 2025 between 10am-2pm

We will have stickers, brochures and information available and hope to see you there!

Secure Score?

What's Your Secure Score?

Why not do a short security audit that Neighbourhood Watch Australasia have partnered with Crimsafe for all homeowners.

Complete the Secure Score Quiz today at <https://securescore.crimsafe.com.au/>

SafeHome Program

If you need assistance to make your home more secure you may be eligible for assistance from the SafeHome Program funded by ACT Government.

Free practical workshops are available for community groups, presenting low cost ideas and strategies to improve home security.

If you are interested in a home security assessment or being involved in a group that would like to discuss security, contact the SafeHome team at SupportLink on 1300 656 200 or safehome@supportlink.com.au



Our Sponsor - Kim from Carter + Co

We're incredibly grateful to Kim Zarevac, our first newsletter sponsor and long-time local, for her support of Hawker / Weetangera Neighbourhood Watch.

Earlier this year, Kim and her family experienced an attempted break-in, a moment that inspired many of us to take action and launch this group.

Together, we're committed to making our community safer and stronger.

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Meet Kim



With 22+ years in residential sales and property management, Kim isn't just experienced—she's dedicated, driven, and deeply rooted in Hawker, Weetangera, and the broader Belconnen area.

She's lived in our neighborhood for over 15 years with her children attending Hawker Primary, Belconnen High and Hawker College. Kim is an active member of the Hawker/Weetangera Neighbourhood Watch. That's community spirit you can count on!

Whether you're buying, selling, or renting, Kim's hands-on approach and unmatched work ethic make every step smooth and stress-free. She's there for you from the first hello to the final handshake.

✦ Your goals are her mission—and success is her reputation ✦

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