



FARRER Neighbourhood Watch Group

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From the Area Coordinator:

Dogs Chasing Kangaroos in Farrer Nature Reserve

It has been reported that recently on several occasions individual dogs have been seen chasing kangaroos on Farrer Ridge. At the time, the dog was being 'exercised' off the lead in the company of their owner/carer.

A reminder to all Residents

If you exercise your dog on Farrer Ridge, the law requires that the dog **must** be on a lead/leash at all times. There is a significant number of kangaroos on the ridge and they can be quite dangerous if they feel cornered and could quite easily rip a dog to pieces (not something anyone would wish to occur).

It can also be quite uncomfortable for an individual with a dog on the lead to be met by a seemingly unaccompanied dog running free down the path towards them, or rather dangerous when confronted by a mob of kangaroos running in a frenzy across the track, due to a dog harassing them.

So for your safety, the safety of other people, as well as the dogs and the kangaroos, please comply with the law, and do not allow your dog to run free on Farrer Ridge.

Should you wish to identify places where you can give your dog a run off the lead, please consult the site map at: www.tams.act.gov.au/ and in the search box type "Dog and Cat laws". You will see that Farrer Ridge is a place where dogs must be kept on a leash.

FARRER RIDGE PARK CARERS

This group meets at Athllon Depot on first Sunday of the month. Summer start 8.30, rest 10 am-12 noon

June 7 10 am: Check erosion sites and maintenance, including the Farrer Hill Nature Trail, the outflow area down from the Reservoir. Horehound removal.

July 5 10 am: Remove old Olympic Landcare sign near Athllon Drive. Remove weeds in area. Any track maintenance.

Use it or lose it

It is an old saying that is as relevant today as it was in the past. Generally speaking it is understood to relate to our human faculties and functions, implying that lack of use of our faculties over time will diminish their functional utility.

In a similar vein it can be said that if we do not use the facilities that we have in Farrer then indeed we may lose them.

So I recommend that we all make a particular effort to actively support the businesses at the Farrer Shops precinct. In a nutshell, shop locally and save our community facilities.

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Use the right phone number

Make sure that you use the **correct phone number** when contacting the police. The triple zero number is for emergencies only. For other police matters, use the 131 444 number. You may want to cut the list above out and put it somewhere obvious, for reference if need be.

Woden SEEChange

Woden SEEChange is about local people building a sustainable community. Woden SEEChange and Playback Theatre invite you to come and listen to some personal stories about the challenges of trying to live more lightly on our planet.

When: **Saturday 16th May, 7.30 – 9.30 pm** (Come at 7 pm for a drink and chat)
Main Hall, St James Church, 40 Gillies St, Curtin
\$5 entry includes a glass of organic wine or soft drink and some yummy home made food.
Bookings are required. Please contact
seechange.woden@gmail.com
For more information contact Laura Stuart on 0403 243 156

Farrer at a glance

Farrer is a relatively big suburb for Canberra, with over 3,000 residents. It was named on 12 May 1966, after William James Farrer, who had lived in the area late in the 19th century, making a significant contribution to wheat-breeding in New South Wales by producing climate species, thus extending the wheat-belt and enabling the breeding of resistant wheat. The suburb's streets are named after agriculturalists as well, with the exception of Lambrigg Street, which was the name of Farrer's property in Tharwa.

Wheelie bin stickers

Did you know the concept behind where to place your wheelie bin sticker? The idea is that you place the sticker on the side of your wheelie bin that faces the oncoming traffic. In that way, cars proceeding either way along your street will clearly see, and have reinforced, that your neighbourhood is a Neighbourhood Watch area. The effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch has been reported again, with residents reporting being able to prevent burglaries and other crimes. See your Area Coordinator if you would like a sticker.

Are you ready for flu season?

As the flu season is upon us, you should make sure that you take all precautions to avoid contracting flu. Simple hand washing is the most effective protection against the flu virus. You can take some very simple steps to stop spreading or catching these illnesses:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- Put dirty tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water
- Keep a distance of at least one metre between yourself and other people if either of you is unwell
- Stay away from work, school, childcare and other public places when you are unwell
- Be immunised against the influenza virus each year

THE FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

The dinner is to be held on Thursday, 28 May 2009 at the
Canberra Institute of Technology
in aid of the Foundation
Cost \$75
Guest speaker - Gabi Hollowes
for more information and an invitation
contact Judy Ingle - 02 62865945
Come and help continue Fred's work amongst
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For police attendance use: **131 444.**
But, for all life-threatening emergencies use: **“0 0 0”**

