



CHIFLEY Neighbourhood Watch Group

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On the beat

Unfortunately, Canberra is not immune from drug activity and like any other city we do have a drug element in our society. ACT Policing employs a range of different tools and tactics to identify and prosecute those responsible for the trade of illegal drugs in the Territory, including specialist drug investigation teams and intelligence assets.

Another important tool available to police in combating the use and abuse of illegal drugs is you. As a member of the community, there are a number of simple things you can do to help police identify those responsible for the manufacture and distribution of illegal drugs.

This includes being on the lookout for any suspicious activity occurring at houses in your neighbourhood. Things to look for include strange odours, blacked-out or sealed windows, unusual traffic flow or intermittent visitors, chemical containers and waste, hoses and pipes for ventilation or water supply, a lack of occupancy or secretive occupants and extremely bright indoor lighting.

In a recent example of how effective information from the public can be, police conducted search warrants on two residential premises in Flynn and Page earlier this month [July], resulting in the seizure of approximately \$600,000 worth of cannabis.

Police rely daily on information and assistance from members of the public and you should never underestimate how valuable your information can be – it may very well be the missing piece that police need to complete the puzzle and take action. Any action can be provided to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, anonymously if you wish.

Source: *The Chronicle*, 14 July 2009

Chifley Neighbourhood Watch Meetings

Chifley NHW will be meeting in the YMCA meeting room in the former Melrose Primary School, Eggleston Crescent, Chifley, on **Thursday** nights

18th June
20th August
15th October
17th December at
7:30 pm

Please note that the October meeting will be our Annual General Meeting.

Slow down for kangaroos

Early morning and evening are peak times for kangaroos crossing roads, especially in winter and spring; either side of a full moon; or after a long dry period.

You can **take action** to avoid a collision with a kangaroo. **Slow down** if you see a kangaroo on or beside the road. **Be alert** – kangaroos often travel together. If a kangaroo crosses the road, it is likely there are more following. **Don't swerve** to miss a kangaroo. By swerving you risk hitting cars or running off the road. You can appoint a passenger to be 'kangaroo spotter'. You can report accidents involving kangaroos and other injured wildlife to

- Canberra Connect on 13 22 81; or
- Environment ACT Helpline on 6207 9777 (business hours).

Source: "Give Kangaroos a 'brake'" *Environment ACT, ACT Urban Services*

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Crime Statistics:

Crime statistics are deleted from the website at the request of the AFP - they are available on hard copies distributed to all residents of the suburb.

Witnesses sought to copper pipe theft

Wednesday, 05 August 2009

ACT Policing is seeking witnesses to a burglary at a building site in Phillip in which around \$10,000 worth of copper cable and pipe was stolen.

It is believed that offenders gained entry to the three-story construction site, on the corner of Shea Street and Athllon Drive in Phillip, between the hours of 5pm on Saturday August 1, and 7am on Monday, August 3.

Six-metre lengths of copper pipe and an amount of cabling was stolen from the location. Police believe that offenders may have used an angle grinder to cut the material up before removing it.

Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen or heard suspicious persons, vehicles or activity around the construction site between the hours of 5pm Saturday and 7am Monday to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the Crime Stoppers website on www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

Media enquiries:

ACT Policing
Media and Public Relations Ph: 02 6256 7460

Source:
http://afp.gov.au/media_releases/act/2009/witnesses_sought_to_copper_pipe_theft

**An Invitation to a Special Fund Raiser Quiz Night
"Wheelchair for Scarlett"**

Scarlett is 10 years old and suffers from a rare condition known as Rett syndrome. She is unable to walk or talk, unable to use her hands. She is the only girl of school age in the ACT who suffers from this condition. We invite you and your friends to join us for a special night as we raise much needed funds for a Wheelchair for a special little girl.

Hellenic Club
Matilda Street, Woden
Olympus Room
Friday, 11 September 2009
7 for 7.30pm
\$25 per person

For inquiries, further details and table bookings please call Kate 6205 0131 Mike 0414 017 858 or email:

wheelchair_4_scarlett@hotmail.com. Please help our appeal for Scarlett, a very special young girl.

Many thanks to the Hellenic Club for their kind support.

Hoax triple zero calls costing police valuable time

Thursday, 06 August 2009

ACT Policing lost approximately 600 work hours in the period between 1 January and 30 June this year due to hoax, nuisance or inappropriate telephone calls made to Police Operations.

Of the 15,700 calls made to the triple zero emergency service during this period, 60% (9,400) were identified as a hoax or an inappropriate use of the service, and ACT Policing Superintendent Operations Chris Sheehan says this reduces ACT Policing's capacity to respond to genuine incidents in a timely manner.

"These calls occupy emergency service lines unnecessarily and have the potential to delay a genuine call for emergency assistance being answered. This can obviously have dire consequences," Superintendent Sheehan said.

"Nuisance or hoax phone calls may also lead to emergency responses being activated, such as urgent duty driving, creating an unnecessary risk for police, emergency services members and the general public," he said.

"This is something that is taken very seriously by police, and as recently as last night a 16-year-old male was apprehended and subsequently charged with causing public mischief in relation to alleged hoax calls made to triple zero."

Supt Sheehan says the triple zero emergency number is there to ensure that emergency service resources are able to respond to urgent requests for assistance as a priority, and should only be used for life threatening or emergency situations.

"Incorrect or inappropriate use of the triple zero service may delay a police response to a real life and death situation. If members of the public wish to report a crime or a non life threatening incident, they can contact ACT Policing assistance line on 131 444," Supt Sheehan said.

"Alternatively, if people have information about illegal activity or suspect offenders, they can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the website at www.act.crimestoppers.com.au," he said.

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Source:
http://afp.gov.au/media_releases/act/2009/hoax_trip_le_zero_calls_costing_police_valuable_time.html

Please assist our police by reporting all suspicious activity to: CRIME STOPPERS use: 1800 333 000.

For police attendance use: 131 444. But, for all life-threatening emergencies use: "0 0 0"