



Area 98 Aranda – Cook Newsletter October 2009

Neighbourhood Watch

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Coming Events

ARANDA COOK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30 pm Wed 4 November 2009

Southern Cross Club Macquarie
Function Room

*If you don't come to any other
Neighbourhood Watch meeting during
the year, come to this one.
We are a community organisation and
we need your support to continue.*

All Zone Leaders and newsletter deliverers are
especially encouraged to attend.

Refreshment provided

Friends of Aranda Bushland

Sunday October 18th from 9.00am - 12.30pm. We will be working in the Snow Gums area weeding and doing Step-point monitoring. Morning tea will be at 10.30am. Please wear stout shoes and clothing and a hat and bring a water bottle. We will provide tools and gloves. Visitors are always welcome, whether you come to give a hand or just look at what we are doing. Parking on the city-bound side of William Hovell Drive.

Enquiries to Mary Falconer 6251 1345

Friends of Mt Painter

Saturday 14 November from 9.30-12.30 and Saturday 12 December from 9-12 noon. More details from Sarah Hnatiuk on 6251 2228, 0424 263 565, hnatiuk1@cyberone.com.au, or from the new noticeboard along the northern perimeter track near the reserve entrance off Booth Crescent.

Garbage and Recycling

RECYCLING

Aranda:	22 October 5 November 19 November
Cook:	15 October 29 October 12 November



Bins should be placed out 7am.
Inquiries phone Cleanaway on
6260 1472 for recycling or 6260 1547 for garbage.

ACT Policing Seeking Witnesses to Armed Robbery at Emu Bank

ACT Policing is seeking witnesses to an armed robbery which occurred at the Red Rooster Restaurant on Emu Bank, Belconnen on Wednesday, 30 September.

About 9.22pm, two armed males – one with a firearm, the other with a knife – entered the restaurant, demanding staff hand over cash.

The offenders escaped with a small amount of cash in an unidentified vehicle.

Both males are described as being Caucasian in appearance, in their late teens or early 20's and were wearing dark coloured clothing. One male was wearing a black balaclava and the second male was wearing a white cloth covering his face.

Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen anyone matching these descriptions or a vehicle acting suspiciously in the vicinity of Emu Bank to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the Crime Stoppers website on www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

Plans for Control Burning on the Mount Painter Reserve

A draft of the 'Canberra Fire Management Plan, 2009-2019' has been issued. It proposes that the steep slope between the houses (in Skinner Street and Bussell and Booth Crescents) and the roads up to the water tanks be burned some time between this year and 2011, depending on need, and once again before 2019.

Thanks to Sarah Hnatiuk for this information

Your Local Agent

If you are thinking of selling or would just like an update on the Market situation, please contact me for an obligation free appraisal - I am only five minutes away.

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Neighbourhood Watch Signs Around the World

We are all familiar with the Neighbourhood Watch sign. We see it monthly at the top of this newsletter and on the streets around Aranda and Cook, as well as in other areas around Canberra and the rest of Australia. However in other parts of the world, where Neighbourhood Watch exists, the signs are quite different. Some are interesting, some amusing and some a little creepy. Here are just a few examples of signs from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Can you guess which sign belongs to which country?

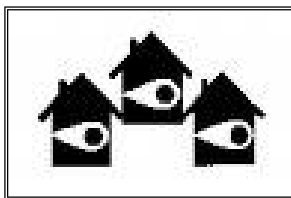


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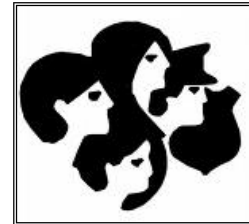
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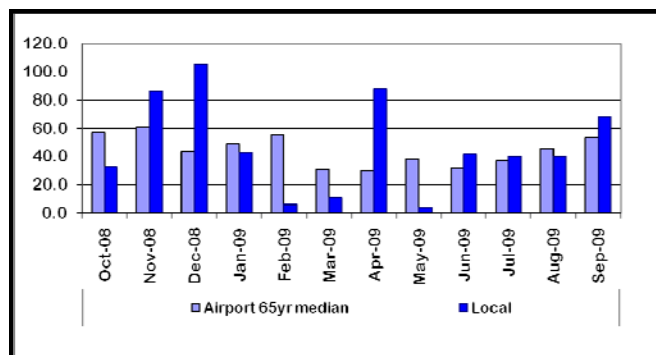
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Water Matters



It was good to see some decent rainfall in September, after a very dry winter. Our rainfall total for the calendar year 2009 is now 346.9 mm over 69 days: beaten only by 2007 and 2005 in recent years.

Our recorders collected the following:

- Dexter St, Cook - 71 and 75mm;
- Mirning Cr, Aranda - mm;
- Noala St, Aranda - 58mm; and
- Bindaga St, Aranda - 68.6mm.

Dam levels rose again this month to 49.3%.

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Canberra's Nomenclature

At the September meeting Mr Peter Phillips, the Place Naming Officer from The ACT Planning and Land Authority provided an informative presentation on the naming of Canberra's streets and suburbs.

Were you aware that two of the streets in Aranda were named in 2004 after Neighbourhood Watch ran a competition in this newsletter? Bardi Place - off Bindubi Street and adjacent to the baseball playing field - is named after an Aboriginal tribe of the Kimberley region, on the Dampier Land peninsula, WA. Banaga Place - off Banambilla Street, between Aranda Primary School and the playing fields - is a

Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay aboriginal word meaning "to run". Aranda itself is named after an aboriginal tribe from central Australia sometimes known as the Arunta. All of the suburbs streets have aboriginal names and Arunta also means white cockatoo?

There are ninety seven themed suburbs in Canberra. We may all know that Cook was named after Captain James Cook, the navigator who discovered the eastern coast of Australia, but were you aware that all the streets were named after notable women? Sexton Street, for example, was named after a female doctor who graduated in medicine in 1892 and was the first woman appointed to honorary staff at the Women's Hospital in Melbourne. Dugdale Street was named after Henrietta Augusta Dugdale who was a pioneer of the Women's Movement in Victoria and president of the first Victorian Women's Suffrage Society. However no two streets in Cook or anywhere else in Canberra have the same name.

It is not just the street and suburb names that have some historical significance, districts names also give us an insight into the past. The name Belconnen, for example has been associated with our locality since the days of the early settlers. The name is taken from a land grant made in 1837 to the explorer Captain Charles Sturt in the area.



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Weed Swap 2009

Weed Swap 2009 is a joint initiative between the Australian Native Plant Society and TAMS. The aim of the program is to encourage ACT residents to remove invasive target weeds and replace them with

Australian native plants. The target weeds are plants that have been used in gardens over many years but have escaped to surrounding bushland and compete with native plants for precious resources.

The plants targeted for removal are:

Cotoneaster - A frost hardy plant with white flowers and red berries, enjoyed and spread by parrots and currawongs.

Privet – An evergreen which ranges in size from a shrub to a small tree. It has a creamy white flower which is replaced by a black berry that supports artificially high populations of currawongs.

Firethorn – A dense shrub with a very long prickly and white flower which turns into bright yellow, orange or red berries. These bushes support currawongs, starlings, blackbirds and the declared pests, Indian Myna birds.

Broom – A shrub which bears masses of yellow, red yellow or red pink flowers and produces a flat pod with a lot of seeds which are released when the pod leaves the parent plant.

To participate in Weed Swap 2009, take the remains of one of the above woody plants to the green waste recycle centre at Canberra Sand and Gravel, near the end of Southern Cross Drive, Belconnen, between **8:30am and 4:45pm on Sat 31 Oct and Sun 1 Nov 09**. Then visit the weed swap stall and select from a range of free Australian Native plants as replacements (complete with advice on care instructions). Replacements available include Acacias, Callistemon, Correa "Dusky Bells", Grevilleas, and Myoporum. Other ground covers as well as climbing plants, small to large shrubs and trees may also be included.

Further Information - call Canberra Connect 13 22 81

Notice to Aranda Residents using Caswell Drive

As part of the duplication of the GDE, Roads ACT is about to let a contract to construct the second carriageway bridge over the Belconnen Way. It is expected to commence in December 2009 and take about 12 months to complete.

Residents who travel north up Caswell Drive and use the Aranda U-turn under the bridge are advised that it will be closed for a 16 week period for construction of the new pier and its foundation.

Though the exact dates are not known at this time, during the closure period U-turns will be permitted when the right turn traffic signal light arrow is illuminated. Aranda motorists from Caswell Drive will be able to drive out onto Belconnen Way then loop back into Caswell Drive.

For further information on the changes, please contact Eric Leape by phone 62533971 or email (eric@berrico.com.au)

Vandalism in Cook

A Cook resident has reported repeated vandalism to her front garden in Kumm Place, Cook. Nearby residents may also have had their gardens subjected to acts of vandalism. The activity has taken place on Saturday evenings and has caused the resident and some of her neighbours some distress. If you know the people involved you might consider having a word to them about their "Party Behaviour".

Otherwise residents are urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the Crime Stoppers website on www.act.crimestoppers.com.au. Remember you should not put yourself at risk by confronting the perpetrators, but contact the authorities straight away.



Contact Details

Emergency (Police, Fire Ambulance): 000
Police Attendance: 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
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Neighbourhood Watch Signs Around the World

Answers:

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2. United States of America
3. Canada
4. United Kingdom
5. United States of America
6. United Kingdom
7. Canada