



# CHIFLEY Neighbourhood Watch Group

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## From the Area Coordinator:

Many Chifley residents would welcome the ACT Government's long-overdue ban on the sale of fireworks. The public sale of fireworks prior to the Queen's birthday weekend has always sat uncomfortably with many. In a place so prone to bushfires, it has seemed irresponsible. In staunchly republican Canberra, it has seemed irrelevant. The random letting-off of fireworks well after that long weekend has caused considerable property damage around Chifley. The noise created at night by people letting off fireworks has disturbed animal and human residents alike (not least our war veterans) and has left the litter from fireworks and associated activities spoiling our suburb the morning after.

The ACT Government allowed a generous hand-in period for fireworks, which has now closed. This means that anyone you know who is still personally in possession of fireworks is breaking the law. Their best option is to contact the ACT Office of Regulatory Services as soon as possible on 62073000 and arrange to hand their fireworks over before they are caught. If you know of people hoarding fireworks, you can also report them to the Office of Regulatory Services on this number. Fireworks have still been let off around Chifley since the ban came in, so you will be doing your neighbours a huge favour by helping to free our suburb of this scourge as soon as possible.

You may have noticed a report in a recent edition of the Sunday Canberra Times about burglary statistics in different ACT postcodes. While our postcode has a rate about half that of Red Hill and Yarralumla, it was considerably higher than other south Woden

suburbs. There are likely to be a few reasons for this, and I hope to analyse these figures further in future Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. It is probably quite important, however, that other south Woden suburbs, notably Farrer, have some of the largest and most active Neighbourhood Watch groups in Canberra. You can help make our suburb safer by getting involved in Chifley Neighbourhood Watch. Our Annual General Meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> October** is an excellent opportunity to join up, meet other residents of your suburb, and get involved in making it safer for all of us. I hope to see you there!

### Chifley Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting

**7.30pm, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
at the former Melrose Primary School  
Eggleston Crescent, Chifley  
Guest speaker: to be advised

**Please note** that the **final meeting** for the year will be held in the YMCA meeting room in the former Melrose Primary School, Eggleston Crescent, Chifley on **17<sup>th</sup> December** at **7:30 pm**

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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.

### **The Australian Federal Police Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Australian Community**

You are cordially invited to help celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Australian Federal Police on Sunday 18 October 2009.

The AFP will be proudly celebrating this important milestone with an Open Day featuring displays, demonstrations and information sessions that will share the AFP story.

**Where:** The AFP International Training Complex, Majura Road, ACT

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 18 October 2009  
Parking available on site

For more information about the Open Day, see the AFP website at [http://www.afp.gov.au/about/the\\_afp\\_open\\_day](http://www.afp.gov.au/about/the_afp_open_day)

### **Are you ready for bushfire season?**

With spring upon us, now is the time to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season. The ACT Emergency Services Agency advises residents to prepare their homes for the season. You can find more information on the bushfire season and preparing for it at

[http://www.esa.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content\\_esa/bushfires/bushfires\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.esa.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content_esa/bushfires/bushfires_home_page.html)

### **HEART FOUNDATION WALKING**

Have you made a resolution to be more physically active?

Do you enjoy walking in your local area?

Would you like to get out more and meet new people in the Woden Valley while doing something positive for your health?

With the warmer temperatures, longer days and balmy evenings, summer is an ideal time to get moving and get outside. It's also a great time to start working towards achieving some of those healthy lifestyle goals that you set for yourself for the New Year.

Joining a Heart Foundation Walking group in your area can help you stay motivated to exercise regularly whilst providing you with social support, health information and newsletters. Groups cater for a wide range of ages and fitness levels. The Heart Foundation encourages people to 'walk and talk', so it's very much a social outlet as well as an activity program and everyone is welcome."

Why not join or start a Heart Foundation Walking group in your neighbourhood?

Current Heart Foundation Walking groups in this area are

Farrer Goodwin Goers      Thurs Sat Start 10:00 AM  
45min

Deeks Café Pearce      Weds Start 9:30 AM  
1 hour (medium pace)

Curtin Walking Group      Tues 3.15 PM  
45 min, slow-med paced leisure walk

For further information and details of a walking group near you call Heart Foundation Walking on 1300 36 27 87 or visit

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking>

### **Volunteers Wanted**

Chifley Neighbourhood Watch needs some volunteers to deliver newsletters to Chifley letterboxes. This only takes about 30 minutes once a month.

Please contact Nick and Carol Nowak for more information.

**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"**