



O'MALLEY & GARRAN

Neighbourhood Watch Groups

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Your Zone Representative is:

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New Neighbourhood Watch ACT Inc. (Association) Executive:

At the 2009 AGM of our ACT Association the new Executive was elected, consisting of:

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| President | Margaret Pearson |
| Deputy President | Graeme Hush |
| Vice President – North | Clare McGrath |
| Vice President – South | Brian Schiller |
| Secretary | Ruth Oldfield |
| Public Officer | Christine Coulthard |

District Officers:

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| Belconnen | David Ault, Matthew Watts; |
| Canberra North | Mick Motion-wise; |
| Gunghalin | Christine Coulthard; |
| Tuggeranong | Nick Tsoulis; |
| Weston Creek | Lex Clark; |
| Woden | Shirley Lithgow. |

The Association's main contact details are now:

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Margaret Pearson of Farrer Group was the former secretary of the Association, having previously served Farrer as their Area Coordinator following the rejuvenation of the previously defunct group in Farrer. Her enthusiasm and skills have made Farrer Group the biggest ever and most successful Group in ACT, as they now boast 190 members.

New Constitution: A new Constitution for the ACT Association was approved by the members at the meeting. Although the previous one had served the ACT community well, it was 25 years old and it contained issues no longer relevant and was due for a significant overhaul.

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Nicky is a local Garran resident, and is proud to support Neighbourhood Watch, an integral community service.

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 O'Malley Group, Neil Garvey Ph 6286 3062

Next Garran NHWatch Group Meeting:

The next Garran Neighbourhood Watch Group meeting will be held at 7:30pm on

Tuesday 10 November 2009

at the Garran Primary School's hall.

This meeting will be chaired by
 Garran's Secretary
 Mr Bob Hunt.

All residents of O'Malley and Garran are welcome to attend these meetings.

Missing Kambah boy located safe and well.

ACT Policing have advised that they have located the missing 14-year-old boy on 11 October. Brett Fish, of Kambah, was reported missing around 1pm on Tuesday 6 October from his Kambah home. He was believed to be walking to the Tuggeranong Skate Park in Greenway.

Do you qualify for a free engine Immobiliser?

Car theft is not only inconvenient, it is also costly.

The ACT Government is currently subsidising the cost of car engine immobilisers to ACT residents who own a pre 2001 vehicle. People with a health care card or pension card may qualify for a full subsidy for the installation of an engine immobiliser in their vehicle. Even if you do not hold these cards, you may still qualify for a subsidy of \$100 towards the cost. An immobiliser protects your car by temporarily interrupting the power supply to the fuel pump, the starter motor, and/or the ignition. Without power to these systems, your vehicle cannot start.

The immobiliser is fitted by an authorised installer and is a short process, which will generally take less than a day. These installers are located throughout Canberra. To find out more call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

Police recover stolen property, including OAM

ACT Policing recovered a substantial amount of stolen property after searching a vehicle and subsequently executing a search warrant on a Waramanga residence over the last weekend. The recovered property included two motorcycles, jewellery, electrical items, alcohol and an Order of Australia Medal, was allegedly stolen during burglaries at a number of Yass properties as well as numerous recent ACT burglaries.

General Duties from Woden Police Station found a vehicle of interest at Woden Plaza just before 6.00pm on Saturday 3 October after receiving information from NSW Police. They searched the vehicle which was being used by three people and they located some of the number of stolen items. A search warrant was then executed on the alleged offenders' residence and then located the stolen motorcycles and other stolen items. The three alleged offenders, one aged 17 and two aged 19 are expected to be charged with a number of property related offences.

90 Traffic Infringements issued over long weekend

ACT Policing issued 90 Traffic Infringement Notices to motorists over the October long weekend. The highest speed offence recorded was 124km/h in an 80 km/h zone on the Monaro Highway. The male P-plate driver will face near-certain licence suspension. ACT Policing traffic enforcement, working collaboratively with but in separate locations to the NSW Highway Patrol, was active throughout the weekend.

Sgt Andrew Warry, who worked with the RAPID team at these locations yesterday, said that he was alarmed at some drivers' disregard for their own safety and that of others, particularly when the roads were busy and the weather inclement. "Five vehicles were found un-roadworthy, including one vehicle which had no tread left on its rear tyres but was carrying five people. Another car we stopped had no functioning headlights," he said. "Considering the weather conditions over the weekend in which there were some very heavy showers of rain, ignoring basic safety items such as these creates the potential for a tragedy." he

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said. **ACT recorded one road fatality over the double-demerit period.**

Two men arrested after alleged sexual assault

Two men are expected to face the ACT Magistrates Court this afternoon after the alleged sexual assault of a 17-year-old female in Lynham on 8 October. Two men aged 19 and 20, were arrested after police were called to a party about 1.30am this morning (October 8). They are expected to be charged with two counts of sexual intercourse without consent.

Taxi drivers assist in apprehending bag-snatcher

ACT Policing has praised the actions of a group of Canberra taxi drivers who intervened after witnessing the robbery of a 45-year-old woman outside the *Crowne Plaza Hotel*.

The alleged offender, a 21-year-old Mawson man, followed the woman out of the hotel and then grabbed at her bag as she stepped outside. The victim initially refused to let go of her property, and the man wrenched so violently at the bag that the victim fell to the ground. The alleged offender then stole the bag and ran toward the intersection of Binara and Nangari Streets.

The incident was witnessed by several taxi drivers in the rank outside the hotel, who then took up a foot chase of the alleged offender. Other taxi drivers assisted by following in their cars.

The alleged offender ran up Nangari Street and into Rabaul Lane, where he was cornered by the drivers and unable to flee. Police arrived a short time later and arrested the man. The woman's bag was later recovered with all contents and cash intact in some bushes off Rabaul Lane.

The alleged offender will face the ACT Magistrates Court charged with robbery.

Sergeant Andrew Bailey of City Police Station, said that the actions of the taxi drivers were to be commended. *"While the safety of the public is always a concern for police when people intervene in potentially violent situations, in this case the drivers' identification of the alleged offender, and keeping track of his movements in a safe manner so that police could locate and arrest him was a sensible action to take*"

Lives at risk from drink-drivers, say police

On Sunday 6 September 2009 ACT Policing arrested a 20-year-old male **provisional driver** for drink-driving after the Hyundai sedan he was driving veered off the road in Reid, through a front yard and struck a house.

The incident occurred around 5am in Corranderk St, Reid. An occupant of the house received minor injuries. The driver of the vehicle was later found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.15, or more than seven times his permitted BAC limit of 0.02. The Campbell man was arrested and bailed from the Regional Watch House. He will face court on a date to be fixed.

A second un-related collision involving drink-drivers occurred around 4.20pm police when police attended an incident in Gordon where a Holden Vectra had collided with a light pole in Knoke Avenue.

The 53-year-old male driver from Gordon when tested subsequently recorded a BAC of 0.248. Police will allege that the driver had collided with a parked car on his way into the *Lanyon Market Place* where he purchased alcohol. He had then driven from the *Lanyon Market Place*, and a short time later collided with the light pole on the median strip on Knoke Ave.

He will be summonsed to court on a date to be fixed.

The Officer in Charge of ACTP Traffic Operations, Sergeant Erin Pobar, said the reckless disregard shown by these drink-drivers for not just their own safety, but that of others, should be a concern for the entire community.

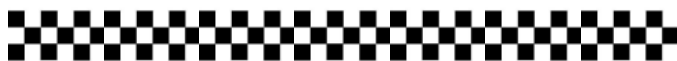
"These incidents clearly demonstrate how drink-drivers, through their thoughtlessness and irresponsibility, could easily maim or kill others. We would urge anyone who sees or suspects someone of drink-driving to report them to police on 131-444. That phone call to police could save someone's life," Sgt Erin Pobar said.

Arrested with a 'wing' in hand:

ACT Policing's found a car containing stolen property in the KFC carpark in Fyshwick recently. The alleged offender were arrested inside the stolen Mazda was a loaded double barrel sawn-off shotgun, a wig and a large quantity of suspected stolen property, including six laptop computers.

The 26-year-old Isabella Plains man was charged with breach of bail conditions, resisting arrest, possession of stolen property, unauthorised possession of a firearm, and riding in a motor vehicle without consent.

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