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From the Area Coordinator:

I'd like to thank everyone who responded to our call in previous newsletters for new deliverers to help deliver the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter around Chifley. We have been delighted with the response, and I'm now pleased to say that we have filled the gaps in our delivery schedule.

As this will be the last Neighbourhood Watch newsletter for 2009, I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you are back from holidays, we'd love to have you join us for our first Reclaim the Twilight walk. We are trialling this walk as a way to bring the Chifley community together and to help Chifley residents feel safer. We'll use it as an opportunity to walk around our public areas and talk about how we can make our suburb safer. I hope to see you then!

The final meeting for 2009 for the Chifley Neighbourhood Watch Area Committee will be held over dinner at 7.30pm at **A Bite to Eat** on **Thursday 17th December**. Please **RSVP** to the Area Convenor by COB Monday **14th December** if you wish to join us (see the contact details at the top of this newsletter).

Summertime reminders:

- Drive safely during the holiday period.
- Make sure that your home and surrounds are secure.
- Know your fire and storm plans and procedures.
- Be sun smart – don't stay out in the sun too long, don't overheat yourself or let others get too hot.

- Drink plenty of fluids in hot weather
- Keep up to date on advisories for fire bans, bush fires, storms and other events.

Mark your diaries!!

Reclaim the Twilight

Enjoy a stroll with your neighbours through your suburb of Chifley at the end of a summer's day.

Start & finish points: Chifley Shops, Eggleston Crescent.

Start time: 8pm.

Date:

Wednesday, 13th January, 2010.

Bring: Your own water, your family & neighbours, and comfy walking shoes.
A map will be provided for a flat & easy to walk route.

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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.

Suspicious activity in your street?

Well, if you are reading this newsletter it is fair to assume you are someone who cares about the safety and wellbeing of yourself and your neighbours. But what would you do if you saw some suspicious activity in your street? What should you do?

Your first consideration is to ask yourself how confident you are in confronting the suspects. Most criminals will move on without completing the crime if they know they've been seen. You could speak to them in a friendly way asking if you can help them – of course you are not going to help them commit a crime! They may have a legitimate reason for what they are doing.

Do not confront the suspects if you feel it could put you in personal danger. Try to take note of identifying details of the suspects including their general appearance, clothing and motor vehicle details. It is difficult to remember these details later unless you make a conscious effort up front.

If you choose to pick up a phone, remember that the Crime Stoppers phone line **1800 333 000** is for information about crimes, but for urgent Police assistance call **131 444**. Remember that **000** is only for life-threatening emergencies – not for minor crime even if it is currently in progress. You will be asked for details including the street name when reporting a crime, so be prepared and it may save time and embarrassment.

Citizen's arrest is a real option but only if you feel confident in doing that. There are guidelines around exercising this option including the use of force to detain a suspect. You don't want to escalate the incident or become a victim yourself.

In any incident, take considered and responsible action. Looking the other way is just not an option.

For further valuable information see www.AFP.gov.au/act.html (Policing in the ACT) including http://www.afp.gov.au/act/victims/citizens_powers_of_arrest.html

Many thanks to Graham Byrne of Hughes for this contribution

Witnesses sought to weekend robbery, Phillip

Monday, 09 November 2009

Detectives from ACT Policing's Territory Investigations Group are seeking witnesses to an aggravated robbery that occurred at the Pizza Hut store in Phillip on Saturday night.

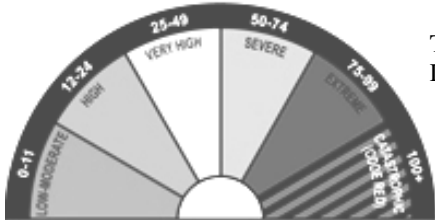
Police were called to the Botany Street business about 10.30pm after two males entered the store, one armed with a knife, and removed cash from the register. No employees were injured during the incident.

Both offenders have been described as Caucasian men aged in their early twenties, about 175cm (5'9") in height and wearing bandanas underneath baseball caps. One was wearing a polo shirt whilst the other wore a light coloured jumper, baggy track pants and Nike running shoes.

Police are following a number of lines of inquiry and a forensic examination will be conducted. Anyone with any information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the website at www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

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http://afp.gov.au/media_releases/act/2009/witnesses_sought_to_weekend_robbery_phillip



The new Fire Danger Meter

At the time of going to print, the first Australian Catastrophic fire danger warning has been issued. Inform yourself of the new fire danger ratings and what you should do in an emergency.

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"