



FARRER Neighbourhood Watch Group

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From the Area Coordinator:

At last month's Annual General Meeting the following residents of Farrer were elected to our Neighbourhood Watch Committee:

- President – Fay Rowe
- Secretary – Maureen Brown
- Treasurer – Jeanette Logan
- Newsletter Distributor – Anna Camarotto
- Associate Newsletter Coordinator & Distributor and Community Services Facilitator - Bobby Pinkerton
- Committee Members:
 - Stella Battenberg
 - Jenny Martin
 - Geoff Crossley

At the meeting, the recommended CPR techniques and the use of a defibrillator were demonstrated.

Our newsletter deliverers continue in their important role. We really appreciate what they do and are happy to have extra volunteers for this important role.

If you are not a member of Neighbourhood Watch, there is no joining fee and any of us can deliver a membership application form to you – see contact details above. You can also download a membership application form from the Neighbourhood Watch website www.nhwact.com.au/membership.html and send it to the Secretary of ACT Neighbourhood Watch at either

Secretary ACT NHW
GPO Box 1047
Canberra ACT 2601

or

secretary@nhwact.com.au

The recent Australian Federal Police Open Day at Majura Avenue was attended by thousands. Several of our Committee members manned the Neighbourhood Watch stall and explained the new data dot system for labelling valuables.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Fay Rowe

FARRER RIDGE PARK CARERS

This group meets at Athllon Depot on first Sunday of the month. Summer start 8.30, rest, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Dec 6 8:30 am Continue bushfire fuel management weed control.

As the end of the school year, and summer holidays, approach, now is the time to keep an eye on your neighbours' homes, and on community property. Be aware of what is usual and what is not and report any suspicious behaviour to the police, if appropriate. Be a good neighbour.

A happy holiday season to you all.

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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

SPIRAL

Spiral is a non-denominational club for elderly women and men from the Woden Valley area. Spiral has been serving seniors for over 39 years.

Location: Hall of St. James Church, 40 Gillies St. and Allan (off Carruthers St), from 10 to noon, Thursdays.

Morning tea is provided by our drivers. Cost: 50 cents per person. Entertainment following the tea includes guest speakers, demonstrations, musical groups, and picnics.

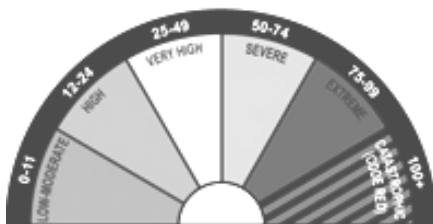
Transportation can be provided for seniors who no longer drive by calling:

Gwenyth George, 6286 5004
Sue Murray, 6281 6974

Volunteer drivers are also needed.

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.



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"

