



Neighbourhood Watch

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

When the 'For Sale' signs come down, keep an eye out for the arrival of new residents and make the effort to go across and greet them. Often we intend to do it, but as the weeks roll by the opportunity is lost. I would be happy to accompany you or arrange for the zone leader to be part of the introduction. Please give me a call.

6251 2351

Peter Phillips
Area Coordinator

ARABA CAROLLERS

On Christmas eve the primary school children were in good voice at the top of Araba Place as darkness fell and they sang the first verse of 'Once in royal David's city'. Some seventy carollers were gathered together for carol singing around Araba Street and Araba Place.



This was the twenty seventh year that members of Araba Street and Araba Place and friends and relations have gathered on Christmas eve for carol singing. Some young members of the 1970s now have families of their own and bring the next generation along to our carol singing.

Penny Lilley

Advertising space available

Aranda-Cook Neighbourhood wishes to thank the management of the Jamison Centre for several years of sponsorship of our newsletter. The opportunity now exists for another sponsor to apply for a minimal term of 12 months. Enquiries to NeighbourhoodWatch@tal.com.au.

ZONE LEADER VACANCY

Folks, here's your chance to help serve your community! Aranda-Cook (Area No 98) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) was formed in April 1986 when the police divided the Area into 37 zones. One of these zones - **No 33** - comprises 25 homes including all premises in **Ambara Place** plus even numbered homes 12 to 26 Barada Crescent, and odd numbered homes 37 to 43 Mirning Crescent.



Over the past 18 years, Zone 33 has been represented by three successive zone leaders. They were Peter Mc L. from 1986 to 1990, Frank C. from 1991 to 2000, and Tom H. from 2001. After 12 years of service to Neighbourhood Watch, Tom is now retiring and we thank him for all the good work he has done. This leaves an opportunity for someone who lives in the zone to step forward as a volunteer zone leader. Essentially this role involves attending our Area meetings, delivering monthly newsletters to the 25 homes, and helping us out with one of the NHW projects of your choice. It's not an onerous duty, but one that's most rewarding.

If you would like the chance to meet your neighbours and keep them informed about NHW activities, why not give it a go for 12 months. I invite you to contact me on **6251 2351** for more advice.

DONATIONS WELCOME

In December Aranda-Cook Neighbourhood Watch was grateful for the monetary donation we received from Hazel of Arabana Street. Any amount, no matter how small, helps keep our Neighbourhood Watch activities alive, whether it is used to produce newsletters or to help compile our suburban history. If you would like to contribute please contact NeighbourhoodWatch@tal.com.au or 6251 2351.

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STREET NAMES

In February, Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) passed a seven-page submission to the ACT Place Names Office enclosing 22 proposals (from 10 contributors) for the naming of two streets leading to the Aranda District Playing Fields. The Place Names Officer was very impressed with the submission. A panel from NHW that included a resident linguist recommended 'Arrernte Place' and 'Bardi Place', but all 22 proposals will be assessed by the Place Names Committee. We will keep you informed of progress. In the meantime I would like to thank all those residents who entered suggestions. The Place Names Officer indicated that proposals not adopted in Aranda might be considered for use elsewhere in Canberra.

METER REPLACEMENTS

During late February and early March, Fieldforce Services Pty Ltd, on behalf of ActewAGL will be replacing 300 ageing water meters and stopcocks at premises across Aranda. Affected residents should have already received letters. Fieldforce will leave a card in your letterbox a couple of days before work commences. Please note that the new meter and valve requires more space for installation, ie a metre radius. For more advice call 6242 1111.

CRIME REPORT – DECEMBER 2003

ARANDA

	Start Time	Start Date	End Time	End Date	Street Name
Burglary	10:00	4/12/03	17:00	6/12/03	Walu Pl
Other theft	21:00	19/12/03	22:30	19/12/03	Jagara St
Other theft	13:15	5/12/03	13:50	5/12/03	Wangara St
Other theft	2:30	8/12/03	2:45	8/12/03	Jagara St
Criminal damage	17:30	5/12/03	18:30	5/12/03	Noala St
Criminal damage	13:15	15/12/03	14:45	15/12/03	Barada Cr

COOK

Burglary	18:20	21/12/03	22:40	21/12/03	Mackellar Cr
Burglary	7:30	21/12/03	21:30	21/12/03	Dexter St
Other theft	23:00	21/12/03	7:45	22/12/03	Mackellar Cr
Other theft	21:00	30/11/03	11:40	1/12/03	Teague St
Other theft	23:59	22/12/03	13:15	23/12/03	Moss St
Criminal damage	23:30	2/12/00	8:00	3/12/03	Atkinson St
Criminal damage	15:00	23/12/03	15:00	24/12/03	Wybalena Gr

MACQUARIE

Assault	2:00	25/12/03	3:00	25/12/03	Catchpole St
Burglary	22:30	21/12/03	2:30	22/12/03	De Gillern Pl
Vehicle theft	19:00	5/12/03	23:10	5/12/03	Bell Pl
Vehicle theft	19:00	20/12/03	23:15	20/12/03	Bowman St
Vehicle theft	8:30	23/12/03	9:00	23/12/03	Biraban Pl
Vehicle theft	3:00	5/12/03	8:00	5/12/03	Biraban Pl
Other theft	17:30	6/12/03	17:45	6/12/03	Bowman St
Other theft	18:00	8/12/03	6:30	9/12/03	Bowman St
Other theft	0:30	6/12/03	12:50	7/12/03	Bennelong Cr
Other theft	0:30	8/12/03	2:15	8/12/03	Bowman St
Other theft	16:00	9/12/03	9:00	10/12/03	Castlereagh Cr
Other theft	0:00	11/12/03	3:00	11/12/03	Catchpole St
Other theft	15:00	15/12/03	18:00	15/12/03	Lachlan St
Other theft	16:00	17/12/03	18:00	17/12/03	Bowman St
Other theft	1:30	23/12/03	8:00	23/12/03	Bennelong Cr
Other theft	12:00	26/12/03	14:00	26/12/03	Bowman St
Criminal damage	8:00	1/12/03	6:00	2/12/03	Catchpole St
Criminal damage	17:30	17/12/03	21:20	17/12/03	Bennelong Cr
Criminal damage	1:00	27/12/03	1:00	27/12/03	Lachlan St

Note: The times and dates refer to the period during which the offence could have been committed. Rarely is the exact timing known, unless the offence was witnessed.

Police no longer supply Neighbourhood Watch with details on burglaries at shops and non-residential premises.

To pass information to Police anonymously,
call **CRIME STOPPERS** on Freecall ä
1800 333 000

HOW TO REPORT URBAN MAINTENANCE

Although your Neighbourhood Watch is very much on the ball and will readily report any needed urban maintenance such as potholes, damaged signs and graffiti, residents can also submit reports through Canberra Connect. The following internet link will take you directly to the feedback form:

www.contact.act.gov.au/feedbackform2.asp?topic=3

You might like to save this hyperlink in your Favourites folder.

Canberra Connect can also be contacted by phone on **13 22 81**.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This year we have coincided our Adopt-a-Road clean up of Bindubi Street with Clean Up Australia Day on **Sunday 7 March**.

Owing to lack of public liability insurance cover we have been unable to clean Bindubi Street since July last year, but on Clean Up Australia Day insurance cover is being provided by AON.

On 7 March, residents have a choice of clearing litter from two main roads. Friends of Aranda Bushland will be tidying up **Caswell Drive** (please contact David Kelly on 6253 1859 for details), and Neighbourhood Watch will clean up **Bindubi Street** (please contact Jens von Brasch on 6251 3056 to express your interest).

All members of the community over 10 years of age are invited to participate.

The Bindubi Street clean up will start promptly at **9.00am** at the Aranda Playing Fields carpark at the Belconnen Way end of Bindubi Street (opposite Canberra High School). After a safety briefing, participants will be divided into three parties and proceed south along Bindubi Street to William Hovell Drive. The task should be completed by just after 11.00am when the group walks back up Bindubi Street to return equipment, and have a photograph taken at the Bandjalong Crescent traffic lights. **Wests Rugby Club** has agreed to stage a free barbeque lunch at noon for participants and their guests. (Thank you Wests!)

This year Clean Up Australia Day celebrates its 15th birthday. It is now the largest annual environmental campaign in Australia.

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INFORMATIVE MEETINGS

This year Aranda-Cook Neighbourhood Watch will meet on nine Wednesday evenings. Our first meeting attracted 32 people and included a presentation from Rebecca and Melanie of ActewAGL on the current Stage 3 water restrictions. The speakers discussed Canberra's total water resources and focused on water conservation measures. If you haven't been before, please come along to our next meeting to be held at Western District Rugby Union Club, Catchpole Street, Macquarie at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 3 March**. Bring your neighbour.

CRIME REPORT – JANUARY 2004

ARANDA

	Start Time	Start Date	End Time	End Date	Street Name
Burglary	13:00	8/01/04	16:00	8/01/04	Gundara St
Burglary	9:15	8/01/04	18:50	8/01/04	Gingana St
Burglary	12:00	8/01/04	22:00	8/01/04	Bandjalong Cr
Burglary	10:00	10/01/04	17:30	11/01/04	Araba St
Burglary	5:15	13/01/04	5:20	13/01/04	Bindaga St
Burglary	11:30	16/01/04	20:40	17/01/04	Darambal St
Other theft	9:00	16/01/04	18:00	17/01/04	Araba St
Criminal damage	2:00	10/01/04	11:30	11/01/04	Kubura Pl
Criminal damage	7:00	21/12/03	10:30	15/01/04	Kubura Pl
Criminal damage	17:00	23/01/04	19:30	23/01/04	Marulda St

COOK

Burglary	0:35	10/01/04	0:40	10/01/04	Rowan St
Burglary	9:00	16/01/04	17:00	16/01/04	Skinner St
Burglary	8:45	16/01/04	20:00	16/01/04	Atkinson St
Burglary	9:00	20/01/04	14:00	20/01/04	Templeton St
Vehicle theft	23:00	27/01/04	0:01	28/01/04	Cook Pl
Other theft	12:00	3/01/03	15:30	3/01/03	Dugdale St
Other theft	0:30	8/01/04	8:00	8/01/04	Dexter St
Other theft	23:00	10/01/04	9:30	11/01/04	Sexton St
Other theft	5:00	16/01/04	7:00	16/01/04	Cook Pl
Other theft	20:30	17/01/04	9:00	18/01/04	Wybalena Gr
Other theft	1:15	20/01/04	1:25	20/01/04	Wybalena Gr
Other theft	4:00	26/01/04	4:30	26/01/04	Molloy Cr
Criminal damage	9:30	21/12/02	23:00	2/01/04	Dexter St

MACQUARIE

Assault	20:00	17/01/04	21:30	17/01/04	Blackman Cr
Assault	22:05	17/01/04	22:30	17/01/04	Catchpole St
Burglary	16:00	21/12/03	20:30	6/01/04	De Gillern Pl
Burglary	0:00	12/01/04	19:00	12/01/04	Brooks St
Burglary	8:15	12/01/04	18:30	12/01/04	Bennelong Cr
Burglary	8:00	11/01/04	14:30	15/01/04	Bell Pl
Burglary	14:30	25/01/04	16:30	25/01/04	Bell Pl
Burglary	0:00	31/01/04	0:05	31/01/04	Macvitie Pl
Vehicle theft	9:50	4/01/04	11:30	4/01/04	Bowman St
Vehicle theft	16:00	25/01/04	8:00	27/01/04	Redfern St
Other theft	11:50	11/01/04	11:55	11/01/04	Bowman St
Other theft	14:15	30/01/04	14:20	30/01/04	Redfern St
Other theft	17:15	18/01/04	17:30	18/01/04	Catchpole St
Other theft	2:00	17/01/04	4:00	17/01/04	Catchpole St
Other theft	0:00	24/01/04	1:30	24/01/04	Bowman St
Other theft	13:00	27/01/04	16:00	27/01/04	Bindubi St
Other theft	5:00	28/01/04	9:30	28/01/04	Lochbuy St
Criminal damage	23:20	1/01/04	23:40	1/01/04	Lachlan St
Criminal damage	1:30		1:30		Macquarie Pl
Criminal damage	2:10		2:15		Bowman St
Criminal damage	9:00	7/01/04	16:00	7/01/04	Macvitie Pl
Criminal damage	18:00	5/01/04	10:30	6/01/04	Badgery St
Criminal damage	21:30	9/01/04	6:30	10/01/04	Bowman St
Criminal damage	9:00	5/01/04	10:00	12/01/04	Halloran Cl
Criminal damage	23:33	14/01/04	1:25	15/01/04	Bowman St
Criminal damage	8:00	18/01/04	8:00	19/01/04	Bennelong Cr
Criminal damage	1:30	25/01/04	2:00	25/01/04	Lachlan St
Criminal damage	2:30	24/01/04	9:40	24/01/04	Bindubi St

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ARABA COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

Last year 25 residents from Araba Street and Araba Place in Aranda were trained by the ACT Fire Brigade to become one of the first Community Fire Unit (CFU) teams in Canberra. In January 2004 the team became operational when members were issued with personal protective clothing and a trailer equipped with fire fighting gear. While Canberra was experiencing total fire ban days this month, there was extensive email traffic within the Araba CFU as they prepared to test hydrants, draw up plans for practice sessions, and draft fire safety checklists for delivery to local residents. They are taking their role seriously and developing a high level of community spirit and cooperation.

HISTORY PROJECT TAKING SHAPE

Our project to research, record and display the history of Aranda, Cook and Macquarie is progressing quite well. Surprisingly we received no response to our December appeal for 8mm home movie footage, but Carol of Banambila Street has provided us with two interesting 35mm colour slides taken of the 1968 snowfall in Banambila Street, and stormwater flowing by the intersection of Nungara Street and Bandjalong Crescent in 1969. We also received photographs of snowfalls on 19 July 1982, 12 October 1987, 6 July 1990 and 28 May 2000.

We are in the process of scanning photographs, slides and newspaper clippings, and have purchased 20 display books to retain historical information. Our suburban history will be captured as entries under the headings: 'Organisations', 'Events' and 'Personalities'.

Over the past two months, the project team has made contact with Wests Rugby Club, Big Splash Waterpark, long term staff of the Aranda nursing home (now Amity), present and past owners of the Jamison Centre, the Jamison Inn, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship and Belconnen Community Council.

We would like to acknowledge the following residents who have recently provided contributions or information:

Penny of Araba Street, Aranda
Jenny of Juad Place, Aranda
Arthur Stockwin formerly of Aranda
Beverley of Bindel Place, Aranda
Philip of Skinner Street, Cook
Tricia of Dexter Street, Cook
Carolyn of Erskine Street, Macquarie
Imelda of Lachlan Street, Macquarie
Rod of Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie

The fourth meeting of interested parties was held in Aranda on 1 February and attracted 10 residents. The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm-4pm on Sunday 21 March in Cook. If you wish to participate please phone 6251 2351.

If you wish to relay historical information, please leave us a message on 6251 2351 or send it to us at NeighbourhoodWatch@tal.com.au.

BUSHFIRE PROTECTION

In December the ACT Government endorsed a report by fire management consultant (and former ACT Chief Fire Officer and Director of ACT Forests) Roger Fenwick. The Fenwick Report outlined measures to minimise the fire risk to Black Mountain and Aranda. Some residents raised concern about aspects of the Report and the effectiveness of its recommendations. By letters, calls and emails to the Chief Minister as well as liaison with Government agencies, two meetings were arranged in late January and early February to allow for community consultation.

Representatives of four groups: Friends of the Aranda Bushland, Aranda-Cook Neighbourhood Watch, Aranda Residents Group and the Araba Community Fire Unit went on a walking inspection of affected areas to clarify the work that will be undertaken by Environment ACT and Canberra Urban Parks and Places. The meetings were useful and helped allay many concerns. Hazard reduction measures should be completed over the next few weeks and not involve excessive loss of natural vegetation. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to inspect their own properties and implement fire-safe housekeeping practices. A checklist has been prepared by the Araba CFU and may be obtained from team leader Mark Thomson on 6253 1486.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STORIES

Is your street holding a special event? Are there people in your neighbourhood that deserve some publicity?

Are there facts and figures about Aranda and Cook that you would like to share with others? We're looking for news and special stories to tell in this newsletter. If you have something worthy of publishing please give us a call on 6251 2351.

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Yellow lid wheelie bins will be emptied on Thursdays:

**19 February, 4 and 18 March in Aranda, and
12 and 26 February, 11 March in Cook.**

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