



HUGHES

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Neighbourhood Watch Group



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'Billy' Hughes anecdote

Hughes local Ron Metcalfe knew Billy Hughes in the early 1940's when he worked in the Prime Minister's Department. Hughes was a shrewd quick-witted wartime identity. Recently Ron, who is a volunteer guide at Old Parliament House, met the son of Sir Arthur Fadden who relayed the following story: "My dad, who was on the War Council introduced a prominent visiting UK official to Billy Hughes - "Mr. Hughes this is Mr. Daley-Cripps " to whom Mr Hughes responded "Welcome. Take a seat Mr. Cripps". Mr Daley-Cripps quickly advised "My name is Daley-Cripps" to which Mr. Hughes just as smartly retorted "Take two seats".

Many thanks to Ron and Nancy Metcalfe for this contribution.

More Hughes street names...

- **De Largie Place** was named after Hugh De Largie (1959-1947). Hugh De Largie was a politician and trade unionist. He was elected a Labor Senator in first Federal election, was a member of a number of Royal Commissions and Labor Whip in the Senate from 1907-14. He was Ministerial Whip for the periods 1910-13, 1917-22.
- **Glasgow Street** was named after Thomas William Glasgow KCB, CMG, DSO (1876-1955). Thomas Glasgow served in South Africa, 1899-1902. He commanded the 13th Brigade and 1st Division, AIF, 1918. He was a Member of Senate from 1920-32,

- Minister for Home and Territories from 1926-27, Minister for Defence from 1927-29 and High Commissioner for Australia in Canada, 1940-45.
- **Goble Street** was named after Stanley James Goble CBE, DSO, DSC (1891-1948). Stanley Goble served in RNAS and RAAF, 1915-18; joined RAAF at its inception, 1921; with Flight Lieutenant McIntyre made first flight around Australia, 1924; and was Air Chief of Staff, 1933, and 1939-40.

Source: ACT Planning and Land Authority

Participating in Neighbourhood Watch

If you would like to actively participate in the Hughes NHW Group, please visit the ACT Neighbourhood Watch website at www.nhwact.com.au and complete a member application form. If you have any questions about Neighbourhood Watch, please don't hesitate to contact the Hughes Area Coordinator on 6282 6182.

Contributions to the Hughes NHW Newsletter

If you would like to contribute news or articles to this newsletter which are relevant to the safety, security and well-being of Hughes residents including any information you may have about the early Hughes community, please contact Kris Veenstra on 6282 6182 or via e-mail at hughes_nhw@yahoo.com.au.

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Crime Statistics are deleted from the website at the request of AFP – they are available on the **hard copies distributed to all residents of the suburb.**

'Neat houses' targets

You might have noticed an article in the Canberra Times on Saturday in which an experienced, self-confessed, and appropriately named, housebreaker called "Plucker" advised that burglars are "... looking for a house that's nice and tidy, it looks like it's got money."

"Plucker" also advised that traditional deterrents have mixed results, alarms seemingly working well because they attract attention but dogs having a limited effect unless they big.

The article also unfortunately reports that homes in the capital are more likely to be targeted by burglars than in any other east coast capital city (see table below).

A reminder that, when it comes to home security, we shouldn't be complacent.

How we compare -
Report residential burglaries per 100,000 dwellings

Canberra *	2122
Sydney *	1946
Melbourne +	1368
Darwin +	1391
Brisbane +	1133

* Reporting year 2007

+ Financial year 2006/07

Source: *The Canberra Times, Saturday 3 May 2008*

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The ACT contact is Ms Lil Hays on 620 70550 if you require assistance with your nomination.

It's your chance to get recognition for large or small programs which help to reduce crime and violence in Australia

Entries must close on May 26 2008.

Source: *The Chronicle, Tuesday, April 8 2008*

An active way to better health

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing sets out four guidelines for an active way to better health.

These are:

- Think of movement as an opportunity, not an inconvenience.
- Be active every day in as many ways as you can.

- Put together at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on most, preferably all, days.
- If you can, also enjoy some regular, vigorous activity for extra health and fitness.

Regular physical activity can:

- help prevent heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure;
- reduce the risk of developing type II diabetes and some cancers;
- help build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints reducing the risk of injury; and
- promote psychological well-being.

You can find further information about these guidelines at <http://www.health.gov.au/>

Police warn of not-so-squeaky cleaner

Wednesday, 16 April 2008

ACT Policing is warning the general public about a male who is posing as a window cleaner before making off with unsuspecting residents' property.

Police are investigating two separate incidents in Pearce since April 5, where occupants have been approached by a male offering to clean the windows of their homes.

On both occasions the window cleaner has been engaged to carry out the work, occupants have subsequently discovered the theft of cash and/or wallets.

In the second incident on Sunday, April 13, a 91-year-old victim arrived home to find a male — who had cleaned her windows the previous day — in her house, claiming he had left property behind. The victim reported her wallet missing the following day.

Police believe the male offender distracts his victims, including luring them outside as a means of gaining undetected access into their homes and to their property.

The male is described as Caucasian in appearance, approximately 30 years of age, 183cm (6'0") tall, clean-shaven, with a solid build, short blond hair and a fair complexion.

Superintendent Alf Turketo says Canberrans should be aware of the male's activities and report suspicious behaviour immediately. "This male appears to be preying on unsuspecting elderly people in our community," Supt Turketo said.

"Residents should be alert to unsolicited door-knock approaches from strangers offering domestic window cleaning services and it would be prudent to decline such an offer."

Source: *ACT Policing*

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"

