

ACT POLICING HOT ISSUES

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Knife Crime

- While ACT Policing has not observed any noticeable differences in knife crime trends in the ACT, it does continue to monitor for emerging trends, particularly considering the 2024 Bondi Junction and Wakely incidents.
- Knives are dangerous and pose a serious risk to the wielder and the wider public.
- In 2024-25, police seized 471 knives and laid charges against 90 individuals for possessing a knife without reasonable excuse. 23 of those individuals were under 18 years old. Between 1 July and 30 September 2025, police seized a further 125 knives, and laid charges against 23 individuals for possessing a knife without reasonable excuse.
- It is a serious offence to possess a knife in public where a person has no reasonable excuse to do so. 'Personal protection' is not a lawful reason to carry a knife. Penalties include fines and imprisonment for up to six months.

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OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS (OMCGs)

Talking points

- ACT Policing works closely with interstate policing partners, law enforcement, intelligence agencies and other stakeholders across the country and internationally to maximise the impact of disruption to organised crime and illicit profit-making enterprises in the ACT.
- The ACT continues to experience criminal activity related to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG), which remain a concern for ACT Government, ACT Policing and the ACT community.
- Of note, there has been seven known large-scale, national OMCG meetings and group motorcycle rides in the territory since January 2024. ACT Policing has observed an increase in local activity by known OMCG members.
- ACT Policing continues to advocate for and work with the ACT Government and other key partners to deliver reforms which would provide additional mechanisms for police intervention and disruption.
- ACT Policing is committed to continually monitor the activity of Serious and Organised Crime Groups in the ACT and disrupt criminal behaviour, where possible.

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Background information

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in the ACT

- ACT Policing works closely with interstate policing and government partners, law enforcement, intelligence agencies and other stakeholders across the country and internationally to maximise the impact that ACT Policing can have to disrupt organised crime and illicit profit-making enterprises in the ACT.
- The ACT continues to experience criminal activity related to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG), which remains a concern for ACT Policing, the ACT Government and the ACT community.
- Of note, in 2025, there were **seven** known large-scale, national OMCG meetings and group motorcycle rides in the territory. ACT Policing has observed an increase in local activity by known OMCG members.
- As of 31 December 2025, ACT Policing Intelligence suggests there are five OMCGs active across the ACT including Rebels, Comanchero Finks, Hells Angels and Bandidos
- It is noted that each OMCG National Run in the ACT incurs significant additional staffing expenses for ACT Policing.
- ACT Policing Taskforce Invidia closely and actively works with its law enforcement partners in all Commonwealth, State and Territories, including NSWPF (Raptor) and National Taskforce Morpheus, to identify opportunities to target OMCG's and divert vulnerable members of the community from OMCG membership
 - Taskforce Invidia was formed to track, disrupt and arrest members of organised crime groups, including OMCGs involved in criminal activities across the ACT.
 - Invidia works with partners through a joint law enforcement initiative, National Taskforce Morpheus, to tackle the growing criminal threat posed by OMCGs across Australia

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