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HECTORVILLE

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 084

NEXT MEETING

**7pm Tuesday
28th July 2026**

45-47 REID AVE

Tea/Coffee Supplied

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

25th August 7pm

22nd September 7pm

CRIME TREND ALERT

Theft from Vehicles (see p.4)

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

- Park in well-lit areas
- Remove all valuables
- Lock your vehicle

Area Co-ordinator

John Nemeic 0467 621 403

**SAPOL Eastern Adelaide
Crime Prevention Section**
8172 5824

PHONE INFO

EMERGENCY	000
Police Attendance	131444
Graffiti Hotline	83653147
Street Light Repair	131366
Traffic Light Out	1800018313
Water Main Burst	82071300
Dog Catcher	83669227

KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE

Source: www.police.sa.gov.au

You like (or love!) your phone...so do thieves! Follow these tips to help keep your phone safe.

Put it away

- When you're out, don't leave your phone lying on a café table, bar or shop counter. It takes just seconds for someone to grab it.
- Keep it in a pocket or closed bag.
- If you're not using it, don't put it down, put it away.
- Be aware of your surroundings if you're using your phone or carrying it in your hand.
- If you're distracted, it's an easy target for thieves.

Lock it

- Lock the screen. Use biometrics (fingerprint or face) or a strong PIN, password or pattern.
- Consider setting up contact information in case your phone is lost. Usually this displays a mobile number on your locked screen for a trusted person who can be contacted by the finder.
- Set up "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) details that can be accessed with the screen locked. This keeps your phone safe but still allows access to vital information in case of emergencies.
- Educate yourself, know your phone's capabilities and utilise

security features to help keep your phone safe. See further information at Apple help or Android help.

Track it

- Both Apple and Android phones have built-in tools and features you can set up to help you find, lock or erase your phone remotely. Learn how to use these.
- Your phone's 15-digit IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number can help track it if it's lost or stolen.
- Record your phone's IMEI number somewhere other than on your phone.
- You can find the IMEI number of your phone by typing *#06# on the keypad.

If it gets stolen...

- Use tracking apps as soon as possible, before thieves have a chance to disable it.
- Contact your service provider to suspend your service.
- Report the theft to police and provide the IMEI and serial number if you can.
- If you're tracking your phone and believe you know where it is, immediately report this information to police on 131 444.
- Do not attempt to recover it yourself.



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**PROTECT YOURSELF
KNOW THE SCAM**

"I don't believe everything I'm told, do you?"

Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

REPORTING CRIME

Emergencies

Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

Non-Emergencies

Call 131444 for non-urgent police assistance.

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds and scams, visit:

SAPOL: www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch:

www.scamwatch.gov.au

INVESTMENT SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

An investment scam is where scammers convince you to invest in **high return** investments.

The investments vary widely and may be in shares, real estate, bonds, mortgages, options or foreign currency trading, bitcoin, even betting syndicates and foolproof prediction software.

Scammers may claim to be bankers, stockbrokers, financial planners or other investment professionals, they may seem knowledgeable on investment matters and even send you links to legitimate looking fake websites and prospectus documents.

Often the account name you are directed to pay differs to that of the investment company.

Online investment scams have been known to use celebrities' names and pictures (without them knowing) to endorse their schemes.

Signs this may be a scam

- **The return on an investment sounds too good to be true** - Always research before any investment, fully understand the risks. Get independent financial advice from your accountant or financial adviser.
- **You are told you can access your Super before you retire** - It is illegal to access your super early under normal circumstances and the taxation office can apply penalties if you do.
- **You are put under time pressure to invest or subscribe now** - Do not act immediately. Check financial advisors are registered via the ASIC website.
- **You are offered software that can predict sports or racing**



events or financial markets for high returns - Caution! No person or computer software can predict the future reliably.

• **You are offered support to help you invest via remote access to your device** - Do not download software or an app that shares remote access to your device. Scammers use this to access your personal and financial information.

Remember

- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is! Be suspicious of investment opportunities that promise a high return with little or no risk.
- Do not give your personal or financial details to unsolicited callers or reply to emails, SMS or advertisements offering financial advice or investment opportunities.
- Always do thorough research on apps, investment companies or advisors, and check for a valid Australian Financial Services Licence. Always look up the organisation's official information or website yourself, do not use any links you may receive via emails, pop ups, or advertisements. You can visit moneysmart.gov.au to check the list of 'Companies you should not deal with'.
- Do not let anyone pressure you into making decisions about your money or investments. Always seek a trusted second opinion.
- Install and keep security software up to date on all devices. Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails – just delete them.

REMOTE ACCESS SCAMS

Source: <https://www.banksa.com.au/online-services/security-centre/protect-yourself/types-of-fraud>

A remote access scam is when someone contacts you and as part of their conversation, requests you download software or an app that shares remote access to your device.

Remote access scammers are after access to your computer or mobile, which will enable them to see the information on your device. Once access is shared, scammers often coerce you to sign into internet banking and perform transactions.

They may also use this access to steal your personal data or gain access to your friends and family's information.

Signs this may be a scam

- Someone contacts you needing assistance to catch hackers, fix NBN or computer issues, help with secretive tasks or to provide a refund - **Hang up**. Legitimate organisations will not require your assistance with any of these scenarios.
- An unexpected caller is asking to access your device by downloading software (e.g. Team Viewer, Any Desk or Quick Support). They may ask you not to tell anyone - Do not follow their directions. **Just hang up**.
- A caller is asking you to logon to Internet Banking or share your Secure codes - **Hang up**. Never logon to Internet Banking if you are sharing access to your device. Never share your Secure codes with anyone.

- A caller asks you to make transactions, or 'refund' a deposit you see in your account and coaches you what to say to the bank - **Do not make any payments or action any refunds**. Always be honest with the bank so they can help protect your money.

Tips

- Never provide remote access to an unsolicited caller.
- Verify the call is genuine by calling the company on a publicly advertised number, not on a number provided by the caller or in an SMS or pop-up window.
- **Never share your Internet Banking passwords or Secure codes with anyone.**

WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.

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HERE'S SOME TIPS

from Neighbourhood Watch
on how to secure your home.

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TIDY UP YOUR TOOLS!

Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools can help thieves enter your house.



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Complete the Quiz!



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES



Government of
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The Newsletters would be delivered to your door for you to distribute. Walking is excellent exercise and most of us need to do more, if we are fit enough to be able to walk in the first place. If you can help, please ring John on 0467 621 403.

Police Incidents 3 March - 18 May 2026



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Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. 9/3/26 Sheppard St Damage to house
2. 29/4/26 Melville Gr Damage to front door and kitchen window of house.

THEFT

3. 3/3/26 West St Theft of motor vehicle.
4. 18/5/26 Mayfield Av Theft of parcel. Value \$156.

ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

5. 19/3/26 North St Theft of items from vehicle. Value \$1300.
6. 1/4/26 West St Attempt to enter locked vehicle.
7. 7/4/26 Reid Av Vehicle entered and items stolen.
8. 7/4/26 Reid Av Theft from motor vehicle. Value \$50.
9. 8/4/26 West St Illegal interference of motor vehicle.
10. 19/5/26 Dawn Av Theft from motor vehicle.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (BREAK-IN)

11. 6/3/26 North St Entry gained to premises and property stolen.
12. 25/3/26 Hectorville Rd Unit entered while victim was away.
13. 4/4/26 Glynburn Rd Serious criminal trespass on Electrical goods store. Damage \$2000. Nil theft. CCTV available.
14. 26/4/26 Melville Gr Break-in and items stolen from house. Value \$300.



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MEMBER FOR HARTLEY

Please reach out if you need any advice or assistance with local community matters.

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